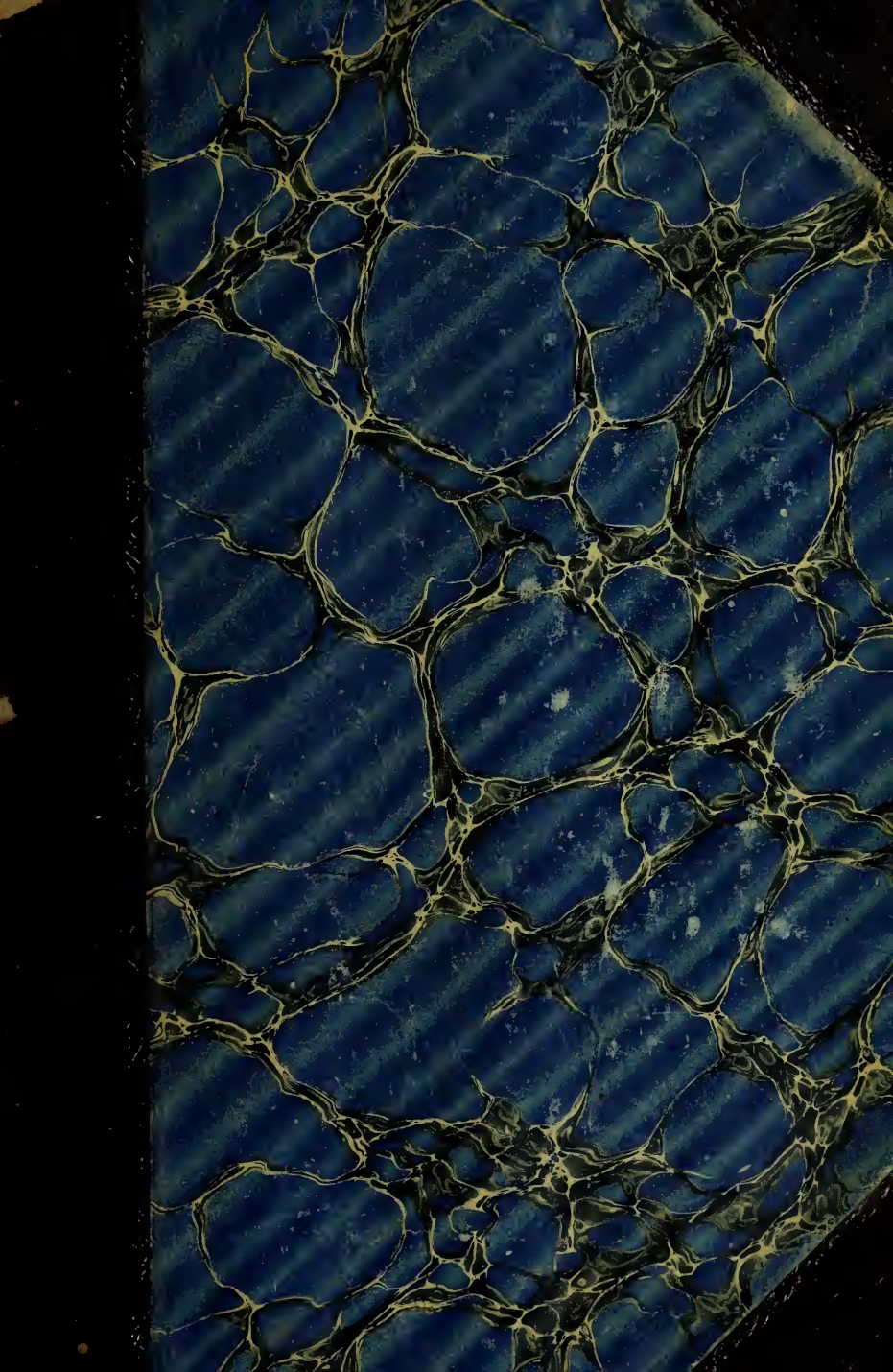
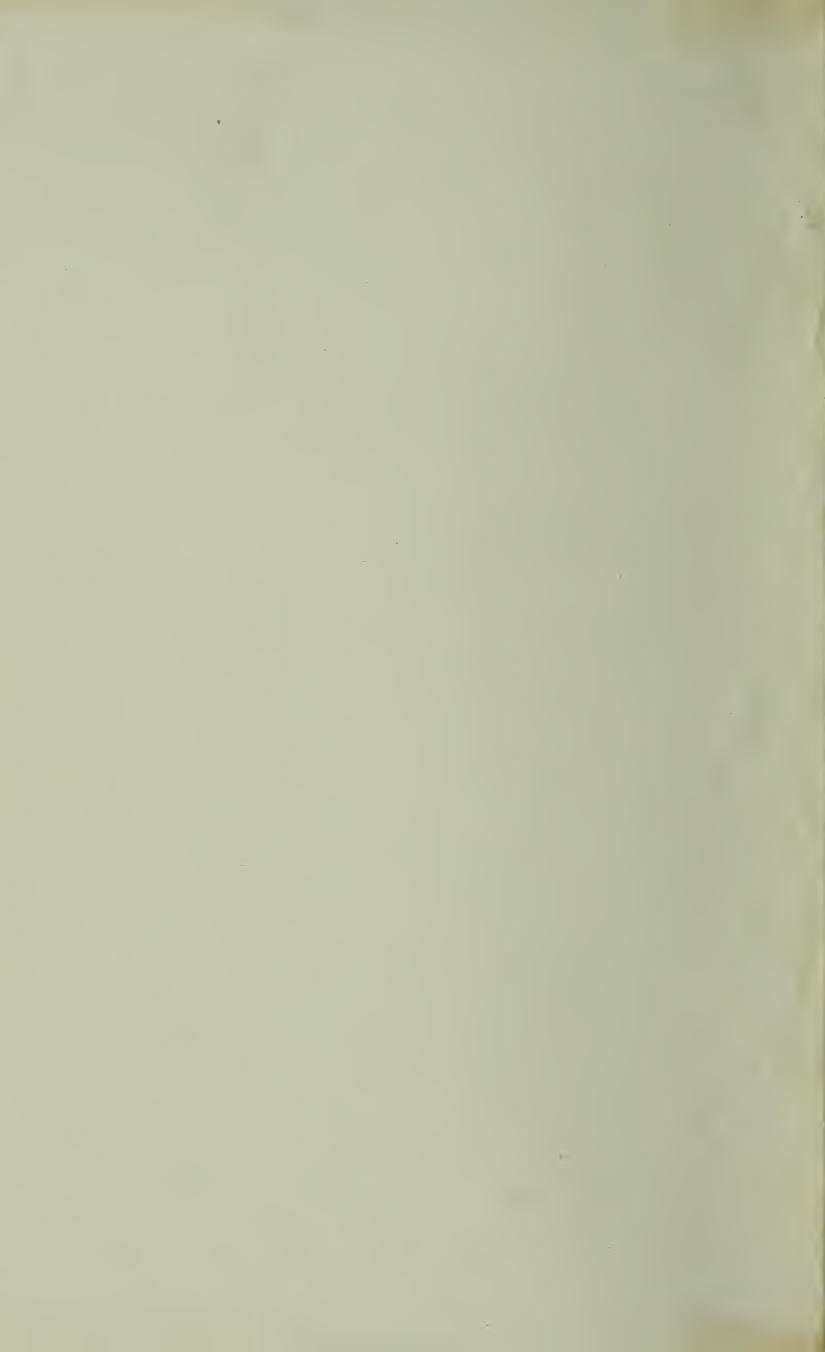








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Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation,

HELD IN ITS

MASONIC HALL, CITY OF
HAMILTON,



FRIDAY, JULY 20th, A. D. 1894,
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PROCEEDINGS.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, City of Hamilton, on Friday, the 20th day of July, A. D. 1891, A. I. 2424.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Q. C....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council on The Throne.
R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson....	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh.....	Grand J.	
M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. A. Carruthers.....	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. Wm. Walker.....	Grand Principal	Sojourner.
R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.	
R. E. Comp. H. J. Wilkinson.....	Grand Registrar.	
R. E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackay....	as Grand 1st. Asst. Soj.	
V. E. Comp. W. A. Woolson.....	Grand 2nd Asst. Soj.	
V. E. Comp. T. R. Bain.....	Grand Sword Bearer.	
E. Comp. Geo. Chrystal.....	Grand Master of Veils.	
E. Comp. J. J. Lovel.....	Grand Standard Bearer.	
V. E. Comp. A. R. Hargraft.....	Grand Direct'r of Ceremonies	
E. Comp. C. W. Bullock.....	Grand Organist.	
V. E. Comp. R. W. Longmore.....	Grand Pursuivant.	
E. Comp. J. Huber.....	Grand Steward.	
V. E. Comp. C. H. Connor.....	Grand Steward.	
V. E. Comp. J. A. Morton.....	Grand Steward.	
V. E. Comp. R. A. Hutchison.....	Grand Steward.	
Comp. W. W. Summers.....	Grand Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. G. Middleditch, Ridgetown, St. Clair District	No. 1
R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, Simcoe, Wilson	" " 3
R. E. Comp. G. V. T. Greenhill, Galt, Wellington	" " 4
R. E. Comp. A. Smith, Hamilton, Hamilton	" " 5
R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich, Huron	" " 6
R. E. Comp. L. A. Congdon, Dunnville, Niagara	" " 7
R. E. Comp. W. G. Eakins, Toronto, Toronto	" " 8
R. E. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, Barrie, Georgian	" " 9
R. E. Comp. J. Aylesworth, Tamworth, Pr. Edward	" " 11

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich.....	Arizona.
R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley, Barrie.....	California.
R. E. Comp. T. C. Macnabb, Chatham.....	Delaware.
M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Collingwood.	District of Columbia.
M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, London...	Georgia.
R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, Grimsby.....	Illinois.
R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, Toronto...	Iowa.
R. E. Comp. De Witt H. Martyn, Kincardine	Indian Territory.
R. E. Comp. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton	Kansas.

M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, Toronto.....	Kentucky.
R. E. Comp. B. Allen, Toronto.....	Maine.
M. E. Comp. John E. Harding, Stratford..	Massachusetts.
M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, Toronto....	Minnesota.
V. E. Comp. J. A. Morton, Kincardine....	Mississippi.
R. E. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, Barrie.....	Missouri.
R. E. Comp. G. G. Rowe, Parkdale.....	Montana.
R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto..	Nebraska.
E. Comp. James Sutherland, Woodstock..	New Brunswick.
R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, London.....	New Hampshire.
R. E. Comp. J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie..	New Jersey.
M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton.....	Nevada.
M. E. Comp. Hy. Robertson, Collingwood..	New York.
R. E. Comp. John Moodie, Hamilton.....	Nova Scotia.
V. E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackay, Berlin.....	Ohio.
R. E. Comp. J. Baker, Stratford.....	Oregon.
R. E. Comp. Donald McPhie, Hamilton....	Pennsylvania.
M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, London.....	Quebec.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll.....	Rhode Island.
R. E. Comp. James Reynolds, Brockville..	South Carolina.
R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper, London... ..	South Dakota.
R. E. Comp. William Gibson, Beamsville..	Tennessee.
R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto.....	Texas.
R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson, Toronto....	Virginia.
R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton....	Washington.
R. E. Comp. David Taylor, Ottawa.....	West Virginia.
R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, Woodstock...	Wisconsin.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10.45 a. m.

R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 98 warranted Chapters and 1 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 69 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, Kingston.*

R. Ex. Comps. H. J. Wilkinson, J. Hewton, A. Shaw, E. Comp. J. Adams, P. Z.'s.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

R. E. Comps. Gavin Stewart, R. Brierly, A. Smith, F. F. Dalley, E. Comps. T. Davis, and W. E. Brown, P. Z.'s.
C. V. Emory, H., Robt. Magnes, Z.

No. 3. *St. John's. London.*

R. E. Comps. J. S. Dewar, A. E. Cooper, A. Carruthers, P. Z's.

No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*

V. E. Comp. T. R. Bain, E. Comps. Thos. Hills, T. B. Cole, C. A. Matthews, P. Z's.,

- No. 5. St. George's, London.*
M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford; E. Comps. L. W. Burke,
P. W. D. Broderick, P. Z's., A. G. McWhinney. Z.
- No. 6. St. John's, Hamilton.*
R. E. Comp. W. G. Ried, E. Comp. Wm. Birrell, P. Z's,
Thos. McCallum, Z.; M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason; R. E.
Comps. D. McPhie, J. M. Gibson, Hugh Murray, F. F.
Dalley, John W. Murton, Wm. Gibson, H. A. Mackay,
John Malloy; V. E. Comp. R. A. Hutchison, P. Z's.
- No. 7. Moira, Belleville.*
E. Comp. W. Webster, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 8. King Solomon's, Toronto.*
M. E. Comps. D. Spry, T. Sargant, K. Tully; R. Ex.
Comps. Alex. Patterson, E. T. Malone, J. Ross Robertson;
E. Comp. N. T. Lyon, Z.; Comp. C. H. Dunning, J.
- No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. Taylor; V. Ex. Comp. W. G. S. Rey-
nolds, P. Z.; E. Comp. Wm. Smith, Z.; S. A. Luke, H.
- No. 18. Oxford, Woodstock.*
E. Comp. W. A. Karn, Z.
- No. 19. Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, P. Z.; V. Ex. Comp. C. H.
Connor; E. Comp. J. S. Campbell, Z.
- No. 20. Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. W. E. Phin, Z.
- No. 22. Grenville, Prescott.*
E. Comp. J. F. Graham, P. Z.
- No. 23. Ezra, Simcoe.*
R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, P. Z.
- No. 24. Tecumseh, Stratford.*
M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding; R. Ex. Comp. J. Baker; E.
Comp. F. W. Gearing, P. Z's.; E. Comps. J. J. Moore, Z.
S. S. Sanagan, H., Wm. McKellar, J.
- No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.*
M. Ex. Comp. H. Robertson, P. Z.; E. Comp. W. H.
Toner, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 29. McCallum, Dunnville.*
R. E. Comp. R. A. Congdon, P. Z.
- No. 30. Huron, Goderich.*
R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Humber; Ex. Comp. J. W. Green, P. Z's,
- No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comp. C. C. Spencer, Z.
- No. 32. Waterloo, Galt.*
R. Ex. Comp. G. V. J. Greenhill, P. Z. and Proxy.

- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
M. E. Comp. D. Spry; R. E. Comps. S. Wesley; D. F. Macwatt, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
E. Comp. W. D. Quinlan, P. Z.; Comp. Thos. Long, Z.
- No. 38. *Seymour, Shelburne.*
E. Comps. C. Mason, Z., F. F. Brown. H.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
R. E. Comp. J. A. Mills, P. Z. and Proxy, E. Comp. R. Mahony, P. Z.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, P. Z., V. E. Comp. W. A. Woolson, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
R. E. Comp. James Aylesworth, P. Z., E. Comp. T. D. Pruyn, H.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comp. V. G. Corwell, Z.
- No. 46. *St. James, St. Marys.*
E. Comp. Wm. McKellar, Proxy.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
R. Ex. Comp. T. C. Macnabb, P. Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Craig; V. E. Comp. A. R. Hargraft, P. Z's; E. Comp. W. Rankin, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Proxy.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. H. Bradshaw, P. Z.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. E. Comp. J. G. Russeau, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
E. Comp. W. King, P. Z.; E. Comp. J. Menish, Z., C. W. Bullock, H., A. R. Urquhart, J.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P. Z., H. J. Charles, Z.
- No. 62. *York, Eglington.*
M. E. Comp. T. Sargent; R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Roaf, P. Z's. E. Comps. D. Robertson, Z., J. J. Madden, J.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. H. Martyn; V. Ex. Comp. R. D. Hall, P. Z.; E. Comp. E. Millar, Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's Toronto.*
R. E. Comp. B. Allen, W. G. Eakins, P. Z.; V. Ex. Comp. F. F. Manly, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. D. Armour, J.

- No. 66. *The Malloch.*
E. Comp. J. H. Fairlie, Z., J. W. Hodgins, J.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
Ex. Comp. R. Mahony, Proxy.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Z.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
Ex. Comp. J. Huber, Z., James Whitten, H.
- No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Middleditch, P. Z.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. McPhie, P. Z.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South.*
Ex. Comp. Geo. Hyett, P. Z.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. J. Hickson, Wm. Riddle, P. Z.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, D. Spry, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. Ira Bates, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comp. W. W. Rutherford, Z., Asa Miller, P. Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. R. Irvine, H.
- No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comp. J. H. Dickenson, P. Z.
- No. 88. *Macnabb, Dresden.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. M. Stuart, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. J. W. Sharp, Z.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant; R. Ex. Comp. G. J. Bennett, P. Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. Walker, P. Z. and Z.
- No. 92. *Spry, Alliston.*
Ex. Comp. George Chrystall, H.
- No. 93. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
R. Ex. Comp. George Middleditch, P. Z. and Z.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
Ex. Comps. W. J. Hallet, P. Z., A. Cathro, Z.
- No. 95. *Tuscon, Sudbury.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant; R. Ex. Comp. G. J. Bennett, P. Z.
- No. 96. *Australian Kilwinning, Melbourne.*
M. Ex. Comp. D. Spry, Proxy.
- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant. Proxy.

- No. 99. *Keystone, Portage la Prairie.*
M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Eakins, Proxy.
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
V. E. Comp. N. W. Colcock, P. Z. and Z.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
Ex. Comp. W. J. Bradley, Z.
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
E. Comp. J. T. Lovell, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid ; E. Comp. W. E. Brown, P. Z.'s,
Ex. Comp. W. W. Spears, Z.
- No. 105. *Signet, Winnipeg.*
R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, Proxy.
- No. 108. *Duke of Albany, Prahræn. Australia.*
M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargent, Proxy.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
E. Comp. G. H. S. Kennedy, H.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
Ex. Comp. David Barr, Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
E. Comp. Peter H. Cox, Z.

29 Chapters are not represented ; number of votes entitled to be cast, 293.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. REID.	} Committee.
J. D. CHRISTIE,	
W. G. EAKINS,	

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Eakins, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, during the session of the Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, held in the city of Ottawa, on the 21st day of July, A.D. 1893, A. I., 2423, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. J.

Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved, That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 21st day of July, 1893, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of Canada, Greeting :

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER,—It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to this our thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, held in the city of Hamilton, the birthplace of this Grand Chapter, organized in this city by sixteen Companions representing three chapters, on the 20th day of January. A. D. 1857. And of the participants in this interesting event only one is still among us: I refer to M. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, and I am assured that it is the prayer of all here assembled that our veteran Companion may be long spared to enlighten us by his wise counsel,

According to the established usage I shall now proceed to give you an account of my stewardship during the year.

I revised and approved the by-laws of several chapters, and I approved of a large number of amendments to the by-laws of chapters during the year. Full report thereof is in the report of the Grand Scribe E.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued a number of Dispensations during the year, referred to in the report of the Grand Scribe E.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW CHAPTERS.

I have during the year issued dispensations to establish new chapters at the places set out below :

The petitions for dispensations were in each case accompanied by the proper recommendations, and I trust they will be able to exhibit such specimens of their work as will convince Grand Chapter that they are respectively entitled to have warrants granted to them at this Convocation.

Warkworth, at Warkworth.
Zeredatha, at Morden, Man.
St. Johns, at Morrisburg.
Covenant, an Farran's Point.
Dufferin, at Carleton Place.
Bonnechere, at Renfrew.
Brant, at Paris.

Pembroke Chapter No. 58, Pembroke, having been dormant for years, and all efforts to revive it having proved unavailing, the warrant was transferred to the town of Mattawa in the same district, where under efficient and energetic officers it has good prospects of success.

One difficulty they are laboring under is the fact of their great distance from any other chapter, and not having any Past Principals to assist in opening their council, preventing the holding of a meeting.

They have, by a unanimous vote of the Chapter, expressed their desire that the rank of Past Z. be conferred upon Comps. John McCracken, Wm. Hogarth and Samuel Douglas, and requested me to confirm and authorize the same. This I conceive can only be done by Grand Chapter, and I therefore recommend that, considering their position and the peculiar difficulties that this chapter labors under, that the Past rank of First Principals be conferred on the companions above mentioned, and that the First Principal of Pembroke Chapter No. 58 be instructed to regularly install them through the several chairs.

I also received a resolution from the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, asking that rank of Past Z. be conferred upon Comp. J. King, an old and highly esteemed officer of that Chapter, which I cheerfully recommend to Grand Chapter.

Seymour Chapter No. 38, Bradford, having become dormant, has been removed from Bradford, in the Toronto district, to the village of Shelburne in the Wellington district, where it has been established under the most favorable conditions, and judging from the report of the Grand Superintendent of that district, it is destined to become one of the most prosperous in that jurisdiction.

Tuscan Chapter No. 95, Brampton, having desired to

surrender their warrant, I consented to its removal from the town of Brampton in the Toronto district to the village of Sudbury in the Algoma district, where there is a field for its renewed growth and prosperity.

Grand River No. 70, Berlin, in the Wellington district, having been dormant a large number of the Companions of Berlin expressed their willingness by petition to again raise the warrant and have it removed to Bracebridge, in the Georgian district. I therefore gave my consent to its removal and am convinced that it will become one of the best Chapters in that district.

I am satisfied from the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the districts affected, as well as from my own observations, that the removal of the above chapters will result in good to the Craft.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I have also during the year had the very great pleasure of recommending the following active and energetic companions of this Grand Chapter as representatives of the undermentioned Grand Chapters near our Grand Chapter, and you will have the opportunity of welcoming them at this Convocation of Grand Chapter :

R. E. Comp. J. McLean Stevenson, of Barrie, for the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. E. Comp. D. Spry.

R. E. Comp. J. A. Morton, of Kincardine, for the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. E. Comp. H. Robertson.

R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich, for the Grand Chapter of Arizona—new appointment.

R. E. Comp. Geo. Waugh, Stratford, for the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

R. E. Comp. J. Moodie, Hamilton, for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

R. E. Comp. G. G. Rowe, Parkdale, for the Grand Chapter of Montana.

R. E. Comp. B. Allen, Toronto, for the Grand Chapter of Maine, in place R. E. Comp. J. A. Wills, deceased.

R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto, for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll, for the Grand

Chapter of Rhode Island, in place of R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves, deceased.

R. E. Comp. J. Baker, Stratford, for the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

R. E. Comp. Jas. Reynolds, Brockville, for the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

E. Comp. Jas. Sutherland, Woodstock, for the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I have during the year appointed the following companions as representatives of the Grand Chapter near the several Grand Chapters hereunder specified :

R. E. Comp. Erwin Ellis, St. Louis, near the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

R. E. Comp. C. H. Patton, Mt. Vernon, near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

R. E. Comp. W. T. Whitmarsh, Kearney, near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

R. E. Comp. P. W. Rowland, Coffeeville, near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

R. E. Comp. John M. Ormsby, Tuscon, near the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

DECISIONS.

During the year I have not been called upon to give any decision of sufficient importance to require a report to Grand Chapter. In every case submitted the By-laws of the Chapter or the Constitution settled the point raised.

VISITATIONS.

I attended every regular and emergent convocation of my own Chapter Tecumseh No. 24 during the year, except two, when I was absent on my official duties and had the great pleasure of assisting in the exaltation therein of 25 companions to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

At the regular convocation in January last, assisted by the Past Principals of the Chapter, I installed the officers for the current year. On the 19th day of January, A. D. 1894, I visited Malloch Chapter No. 66, Seaforth, accompanied by the Grand Superintendent of the District, V. Ex. Comp. Gearing and Ex. Comp. Sanagan,

of Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, and installed the officers for the current year and assisted in the work of the Chapter.

Accompanied by the Grand Superintendant of the district R. Ex. Comp. Humber, I visited Exeter Chapter No. 85, Exeter, on the 6th day of March, and Lebanon Chapter No. 84, Wingham, and on the 7th day of March, and Huron Chapter No. 30, Goderich, on the 17th day of April.

I was greatly pleased to note signs of renewed life and vigor, all being ruled by live and well-informed companions, proficient in the work, each chapter conferring degrees on candidates on the occasion of my visit.

On the 19th day of April accompanied by the Grand Scribe E. and Ex. Comps. Colcock and Fitzsimmons of Brockville, I visited Farran's Point, and assisted in the installation of the officers of Covenant Chapter, U. D. and was present at the exaltation of ten candidates to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

Judging from the companions that I met on that occasion I am assured that this will be one of the best chapters on our Register. They have commodious and comfortable quarters owned by the fraternity, and appear to be imbued by the true Masonic spirit.

On the 21st day of April, accompanied by the Grand Scribe E. and E. Comps. Urquhart and C. W. Bullock I visited St. John's Chapter U. D. at Morrisburg, and conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch on four candidates.

On the 18th day of June, assisted by R. E. Comp. Waugh, V. Ex. Comp. Gearing and Ex. Comp. Sanagan of Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, I installed the officers of Brant Chapter U. D.

On the 5th day of July, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Walsh, Grand J., M. E. Comp. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., V. Ex. Gearing, Ex. Comps. Sanagan and McKellar, and Comps Brown, Hirst, White and Burton. I visited Brant Chapter U. D. Paris, a number of brethren were received and acknowledged as M. E. Ms, and exalted to the S. D. of the H. R. A. by V. Ex. Comp. Gearing and the officers of Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, assisted by the officers and members of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, the mother

chapter of the majority of the petitioners for the new chapter.

One of the most pleasant incidents of my term of office was the revival of St. James Chapter No. 46, St. Marys, of which I was the first Principal named in the warrant, which has been practically dormant since May, 1877, so far as the work is concerned.

On the 12th day of July, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Gearing, Ex. Comp. McKellar and Comps. Macfadden, Hurrell, Wright and Hepburn, of Tecumseh No. 24, I visited St. James Chapter No. 46, and assisted in conferring the Mark degree on eight candidates, 15 having been balloted for and accepted. Of the eight marked, 3 are P. Ms. of the Blue, and all are bright, energetic and well informed Masons, who will be able to assist the officers of the chapter who are greatly encouraged, and anticipate a prosperous future for their chapter.

Before taking up another subject, I desire to place on record my gratitude to V. Ex. Comp. Gearing and the officers and members of Tecumseh chapter No. 24 for their assistance during my term of office. Whenever and wherever their assistance was required by me to advance the interest or assist in the ceremonies of the Royal Craft they always responded with alacrity, oftentimes at great personal inconvenience to themselves.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Thinking it of prime importance that the ceremonies of this degree should be rendered with skill and proficiency, and also that there should be uniformity in the working of the degrees through the jurisdiction, and judging chapters of instruction to be the best means of attaining those results, I addressed letters to the Grand Superintendents of the districts in the Province of Ontario, desiring them to call at least one chapter of instruction in each district, promising to personally attend the several chapters of instruction.

The Grand Superintendents of St. Clair, Huron, Wilson, Hamilton, Toronto, Georgian, Ontario, Prince Edward and Central responded to my appeal, but owing to the issue of the New Ritual, and time being necessary for the Companions to attain proficiency therein, it was

only during the present year that they could be held, at the dates and places for the districts enumerated below :

Feb.	9—	At Woodstock	for the Wilson	Dist. No.	3
March	16—	“ St. Catharines	“ “ Niagara	“ “	7
“	20—	“ Barrie	“ “ Georgian	“ “	9
“	22—	“ Windsor	“ “ St. Clair	“ “	1
“	26—	“ Harriston	“ “ Welling’n	“ “	4
“	30—	“ Toronto	“ “ Toronto	“ “	8
April	4—	“ Hamilton	“ “ Hamilton	“ “	5
“	12—	“ Ottawa	“ “ Central	“ “	12
May	7—	“ Galt	“ “ Welling’n	“ “	4
“	11—	“ Port Hope	“ “ Ontario	“ “	10
June	6—	“ Picton	“ “ Prince Ed.	“ “	11

Circumstances beyond my control prevented my attendance at either Port Hope or Picton, but I am assured in the case of Port Hope by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, G. H. and the M. E. Comp. Sargant, Grand S. E., who kindly attended on my behalf, and by the G. Supt. of the district in regard to Picton, that the work done on both occasions will be productive of much good. I attended the others, and was greatly pleased at the excellence of the work done and the evidence of careful preparation exhibited by the companions in rendering the several degrees assigned to them.

One thing I am convinced of is that where there is Masonic enthusiasm the work will be well done although the field be small and opportunities for improvement restricted.

The best exemplification of the Mark degree, at which I was present, was given by McCallum Chapter of Dunnville which, under the leadership of R. Ex. Comp. Congdon, has almost attained perfection.

At all the chapters of Instruction I found increased interest and enthusiasm in the work of the Royal Craft, and an earnest desire to advance the prosperity and usefulness of the Order.

Everywhere I was treated with the respect and affection of my companions, and I will never forget the many kindnesses shown to me.

I trust the Chapters of Instruction in the above districts may be but the first of a series that will be held

annually in every district in the jurisdiction, and that by means thereof the companions may be more closely knit together, and may be enabled not only to exemplify the work with accuracy and precision, but to build up the spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the correct rendering of our work, for as the boundary between the sublime and the ridiculous is said to be narrow, it behoves us to take care that we do not by careless and slovenly work pass that boundary, and bring what is intended to convey an impressive lesson, into contempt and derision.

RITUAL.

The new ritual has been printed and placed in the hands of the proper officers of the subordinate chapters, and has been of great benefit to the Craft. It is within the compass of the attainments of the average craftsman and will assist in the more perfect work of our chapters, whereas the old ritual required extraordinary talent, memory and perseverance to enable a companion to perfect himself therein.

I am greatly encouraged by the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several districts in the jurisdiction. The large accession to our number, by initiation and joining, 830, shows the marked increase of enthusiasm in the officers of the subordinate chapters, and also the increased interests taken by the Grand Superintendents in the performance of their duties in visiting chapters and in holding Chapters of Instruction, there being a very great improvement over last year.

FINANCES.

Our financial position is highly satisfactory.

The receipts for the year were	3692 37
Disbursements	1987 80

The credit balance for the year \$1704 57

We have now in assets :

Debentures	\$17000 00
Balance in Bank of Commerce	: 4708 67

\$21708 67

I would suggest a further investment of \$3000 in

approved securities which will then make our investment \$20,000.

INCREASE OF REGISTRATIONS.

I congratulate Grand Chapter upon the very large number added to our membership during the year, a synopsis of which I submit :

Total number	830
21 Chapters at reduced fee \$10.....	366
19 New and 3 removed Chapters.....	168 536
	294

Leaving 294 for 67 chapters, being only an average of a trifle over 4 to each chapter.

CERTIFICATES.

I desire to call the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact that a number of the chapters in making their returns do not apply for certificates for the members according to the requirements of the Constitution.

MARKS.

I find that very few of the chapters pay any attention to the recording of the marks of the M. M. M's., many not having a book for that purpose, and others never using it. The Grand Chapter should give this matter some attention.

GRAND SCRIBE E.

After another year's experience I desire to convey to Grand Chapter my very high opinion of the services rendered Grand Chapter by the zealous and indefatigable Grand Scribe E., and to again record my high appreciation of the great services rendered the Craft by that officer.

Before I deliver up the badge of authority with which you invested me two years ago, let me entreat of you to never elect or appoint an officer in your chapters except under a firm conviction that he is both able and willing to fully and faithfully perform his duty, and further, when assembled to elect your Grand Superintendents in your district meetings, elect only well skilled brethren, full of Masonic enthusiasm and a desire to advance the welfare of the Royal Craft. If you follow my advice in those two particulars, the Order must succeed.

I have been blessed with the assistance of a staff of Grand Superintendents who have labored faithfully and earnestly in the good cause, and whose reports will well repay a perusal.

Although I have labored earnestly during my term of office, I am impressed more by what I have not done than what has been accomplished. I had hoped that some steps would have been taken towards the endowment of a home for indigent and distressed Masons, and that the first steps might have been taken to organize a General Grand Chapter for British North America, tending to weld together the different Proviuces of the Dominion by the ties of our great brotherhood.

And now I return the authority that you invested me with, thankful if I have earned your approval and esteem, thankful also that my pathway has been made so pleasant by my companions, and now farewell.

JOHN E. HARDING,
Grand Z.

Hamilton, July 20th, 1894.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented :

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z. Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1.

It comprises five chapters, viz.; Ark No. 80, Wellington No. 47, Macnabb No. 88, Prince of Wales No. 71 and Erie No. 73, and are situated respectively at Windsor, Chatham, Dresden, Amhurstburg and Ridgetown.

I visited Ark Chapter on Jan. 8th, and was delighted at the cordial reception given me. I installed the officers with the assistance of Ex. Comp. Craig. After the order of business had been disposed of I directed the attention

of the Companions to the fact that they were working in the American work, and not as laid down by the Grand Chapter of Canada, when they by an unanimous vote decided to adopt the Canadian work, and at once took the necessary steps to carry out their decision. Ark Chapter is very prosperous and is the strongest in the district. They have regular Convocations, their finances are in good shape, they are growing, and have just recently removed to new quarters, fitted up in luxury and convenience. I having to hold a chapter of instruction in the district, Ark Chapter grasping at the opportunity offered to have it held in Windsor, of which I will report later.

I visited Wellington Chapter on Jan. 11th, and installed the officers, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Macnabb.

There was not a large attendance owing to counter attractions in the city, and also to the short notice given by me of my intended visit. This chapter is excellently officered, they have large and luxuriously furnished rooms, the books are kept in a good business manner, their finances are in good shape, they have plenty of work, and they must stay in the front. Success to Wellington Chapter!

My next visit was to Prince of Wales Chapter. I was royally received in my old home, and enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Prince of Wales is prospering although its field is small. Its membership is thirty, but as a large proportion are mariners the Convocations in the navigable season are sometimes cancelled, but this is as far as possible made good in winter when the meetings are regularly held with frequent emergencies, all are well attended, and the Companions showing a very commendable interest, the chapter necessarily must thrive. The rooms are new and are nicely situated on the banks of the Detroit River, and are very comfortably furnished and ornamented with some rare old Masonic paintings well worth a visit by lovers of the art. Its finances and general business are in good shape and good satisfaction prevails.

On Feb. 15th I paid my officiul visit to Macnabb Chapter. This is the smallest chapter in the district. I found a very gentlemanly and extremely enthusiastic lot

of Companions, feeling that they were on the eve of renewed prosperity, as subsequent work has proven. Two candidates were exalted in a very superior manner. The officers are well up in the work. The rooms are very neat and comfortable. The books are excellently kept, and the general business of the chapter is highly satisfactory. The Convocations are held regularly and are well attended ; Macnabb is a credit to the district.

A chapter of instruction was held in the city of Windsor on March 22nd under the auspices of Ark Chapter. We were honored with the presence of our esteemed Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, Rt. Ex. Comp. T. C. Macnabb, numerous Companions from Detroit and representatives from every chapter in the district. The chapter was opened at 3 o'clock, p. m. by Ark Chapter who exemplified the Mark Master degree in a very creditable manner, and especially so considering that up to within a short time they had been using the American work. The officers were deservedly complimented by the Most Excellent and other prominent Companions.

At 4.30 o'clock Prince of Wales Chapter took charge, and exemplified the Most Ex. Master's degree in a most masterly way, and were deservedly applauded at its completion. Considerable time was then expended in discussing knotty points occurring in the degrees worked which were made plain by the distinguished Companions.

Wellington Chapter filled the offices at 7.30 o'clock, and after appropriate honors to the Grand Chapter officers were given, they worked the R. A. degree in a style of excellence rarely equalled and never excelled. The chapter closed at 11 o'clock, all the Companions expressing pleasure and profit by being present. The Companions were then entertained in a princely way by Ark Chapter in their elegant banqueting parlour till "the wee sma' hours" bringing to a close the first chapter of instruction ever held in the district, long to be remembered with pleasure by the participants.

Speaking generally of the prospects of Capitular Masonry in the district, I would say they are bright. I think the craft has entered an era of prosperity.

Hoping my successor will enjoy the same brotherly intercourse that I have, I am

Your obedient servant and Companion,

GEORGE MIDDLEDITCH,
Grand Supt. St. Clair District.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District.

There has been a great increase of membership in the chapters in this district, excepting two, owing partially to the reduction of the fee in accordance with resolution of Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation.

St. John's Chapter No. 3 is well officered and very prosperous, having as many as 36 applications at one meeting.

St. George's No. 5 is in the same prosperous condition, having as many as 30 applications at one meeting.

Wawanosh No. 15. Sarnia, during last summer elected a first class set of officers, and since that have largely increased their membership.

Bruce No. 53. Wrote to some of the officers, but could get no reply from any of them, hence I was unable to visit it.

Palestine No. 54 is well officered and in a prosperous condition, dues well paid up, prospects good.

Beaver No. 74. I tried to get them to work but did not succeed, and wrote the Grand Z. who gave me instructions to go and get warrant; I accordingly went up the 4th of June, but they refused to give it up; I reported the refusal to the M. E. Grand Z.

Minnewawa No. 78, Park Hill, is in good working order, and prospects good.

Aylmer No. 81 is well officered and is in good condition, prospects good.

All of the chapters, with the two exceptions are in good financial condition.

I recommended the following dispensations: two to attend divine service, one to install J. as Z. not having served as H., one for change of meeting for election on account of municipal elections.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. C. SIMPSON,
Grand Supt. of London District.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Herewith I submit my report of Wilson District for 1893-94. As stated last year the four chapters in this district are in good working order, and a petition has been presented to the Grand Z. praying him to institute another chapter in the flourishing town of Paris. So I shall be able to hand over to my successor a live, harmonious and growing district.

In compliance with the request of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., a chapter of instruction was called at Woodstock on the 9th day of Feb. last. About 150 were present. The Mark degree was conferred by the officers of Oxford Chapter; the Most Excellent by the Companions of Harris Chapter, and the Royal Arch by Companions from Hamilton. This chapter of instruction was, I am sure, productive of great good, not only in Wilson District, but throughout the entire jurisdiction. The reception and entertainment of the visitors was all that could be desired, all the arrangements were perfect, and on behalf of the district I wish to thank R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, Ex. Comp. Karn, and the other Companions of Woodstock for the great services they rendered the district.

Oxford Chapter No. 18 meets at Woodstock. This Chapter, which was reported as doing nothing for 1892 and 1893 now leads the district. The membership is 58, a net increase of 23 during 1893 and 1894, and this without lowering the initiation fee. Ex. Comp. Karn knows how to do things as they should be done, and he has able and willing officers.

Mount Horeb No. 20. In the early part of the

Masonic year this chapter did but little on account of the illness of the First Principal, and the removal from the city of the Second Principal, but with the new officers, new life came, and Ex. Comp. Phinn's year bids fair to be very successful. This chapter has changed its night of meeting, which is now the first Friday of the month. The average attendance for the first year was 15 ; the membership is now 69, a net increase of 9 for the year.

Harris Chapter No. 41 meets at Ingersoll on the 2nd Friday of each month. This chapter has for years been the pattern chapter of the district, and though it is not now superior to the other chapters, this is not because Harris Chapter has deteriorated, but because the others have improved. The average attendance during the year was 12 ; and the net increase 2. Prospects for the coming year are good.

Ezra Chapter No. 23 meets at Simcoe. Despite the illness of Z. and J., a good deal of work has been done. The work of the subordinate officers is exceptionally good. The present membership is 40, the net increase for the year being 6.

Brant is the name of the new chapter to be instituted at Paris. It starts out well with 13 charter members and 26 applications for membership from Master Masons. Ex. Comp. P. H. Cox is First Principal, and that fact alone assures success.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson district is excellent, and the outlook bright : with an increasing membership, comfortable chapter rooms, lots of work to do, good efficient officers to do it, peace and harmony prevailing through the district, what more could one wish ?

And now in handing over the district to my successor, I wish to thank my Companions for their kindness to me during my two years' incumbency, and wish them all happiness and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. D. CHRISTIE,
Grand Supt., Wilson District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I beg herewith to submit my Report on Capitular Masonry in Wellington District for the past year, and I am glad to be able to state that the life and energy that has marked Royal Arch Masonry generally this year has not been wanting in this District.

Last year Wellington District consisted of only four Chapters, of which one was in a dormant condition. This year I can report that this District now comprises *five* healthy active Chapters, all of which are doing good work and some in a most marked degree.

I commenced my official duties by visiting Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Harriston, on Sept. 8th, 1893. No meetings had been held by this Chapter for some time, but in view of the fact that activity in Blue Masonry was shown by a very well equipped Lodge room, and by good attendance and membership, coupled with the fact that the chapter members themselves had no desire to surrender their charter, it seemed that new life might, without great difficulty, be infused into them.

The M. E. the Grand Z showed his willingness to assist in this direction by attending a Chapter of Instruction that was held there on March 26th. The work on that occasion was performed by Ex. Comp. Malone, of Guelph, R. E. Comps. A. Taylor and Wm. Cowan, of Galt, who were further assisted by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, of Kincardine, and Comp. H. S. Howell, of Galt. Two companions received the M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. degrees in the afternoon, and the R. A. degree in the evening, after which the visiting companions were hospitably entertained at the Collison House, and I feel sure that the excellent remarks made on that occasion by the M. E. the Grand Z. will result in good to all who were present. They have, out of 8 applications received, exalted 7 to the R. A. degree, while they have a total membership of 27, and have \$30.00 in the Treasurer's hands, and I trust that the material now in the chapter will not allow it to lapse into inactivity again.

On Nov. 22nd, 1893, I visited Ionic Chapter No. 83,

On Nov. 22nd, 1893, I visited Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville, where the companions were kind enough to hold an emergency meeting to suit my convenience. Chapter Masonry has always had a firm hold there, and, although there was no work on the occasion of my visit, there was on the Scribe E's books (which were a pattern to all chapters) evidence of abundance of work during the winter months. Their expectations, however, were not realized, owing to the fact that a chapter was shortly afterwards opened at Shelburne, from which place they expected several candidates. During the year they have received 16 applications, and have exalted 5 to the R. A. degree, giving them a total membership of 54, and a balance of \$70.00 in the Treasurer's hands.

The most important event in Chapter Masonry in this District occurred on March 23rd, when the charter of Seymour Chapter No. 38, Bradford, was transferred to Shelburne on the application of 25 candidates to have a chapter opened there. As the M. E. the Grand Z was unable to be present on that occasion, the Grand Scribe E exemplified the work, and was ably assisted by R. E. Comps. A. Taylor, Wm. Cowan and Comp. A. B. Thom, all of Galt. The proceedings may safely be said to have lasted "from morn till eve, from eve till dewy morn," as owing to the number of applications for membership, work was commenced on the preceding night at 9.30 p. m. till 1 a. m., and continued the next day from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on the 23rd, and a night session was again held after that, when the officers who had been installed in the afternoon were carefully instructed in their work by the M. E. the Grand Scribe E. As the train arrangements necessitated my leaving at 5.30 p. m., even before that early hour we were all most hospitably entertained at an excellent lunch by the Shelburne companions. To judge from the number and stamp of men who came forward to form Seymour Chapter in Shelburne, I think we can safely predict for them a career of usefulness and activity. Their record shows that they have received 26 applications, have exalted 23 to the R. A. degree, and have a total number of 25 on the roll. The Treasurer has \$22.00 on hand, and they carry \$200 insurance on the chapter regalia, etc.

On April 13th I visited Guelph Chapter, where a pleasant and informal evening was spent, when the R.A. degree was very creditably performed by some of the Past Principals of that Chapter.

Guelph Chapter has had a year of average work, but they have not shown any of the enthusiasm that has marked a year when every district and every chapter has made a good record for itself, and that should be expected from a city like Guelph, which contains three Blue Lodges and occupy one of the handsomest lodge rooms in Canada.

Probably in no chapter have the good effects of the reduction of the fee been better shown than in Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt, my mother chapter. Work was kept up steadily all through the winter and spring, resulting in 33 applications having been received, out of which 26 have so far been exalted to the R. A. degree. The chapter closes the year with a total membership of 54, and with \$102 in the Treasurer's hands. An active season's work was celebrated on 7th May by a Chapter of Instruction, at which the M. E. the Grand Z did us the honor of being present. In order to make the work as interesting and instructive as possible, McCallum Chapter of Dunnville were requested to exemplify the M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. degrees, which they did during the afternoon in the most beautiful and perfect manner.

In the evening the R. A. degree was exemplified by some of the past and present officers of Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford, to the complete satisfaction of a large number of visitors present.

At both the services a quartette, carefully selected by Comp. M. T. Lester, of King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto, showed how much more impressive the ritual could be made by the addition of music.

After the work of the evening all adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where interesting and instructive speeches were made by the Grand Z., the Grand Scribe E., M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone and other well known members of the Craft. Here again Comp. M. T. Lester's quartette, with other talented brethren that he had brought with him from Toronto, added largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

In conclusion, I consider that the reduction of the fee has certainly contributed towards the vitality displayed by Royal Arch Masonry in this district.

Although there are doubtless some who regret the innovation of a shortened ritual, still on the whole it was cheerfully accepted and made use of by all the chapters in Wellington District; and when several errors and discrepancies, principally in the floor work, have been corrected, it will be still more acceptable.

I think it is as well to call attention to the want of uniformity that exists in doing work, giving the signs, etc.

I have not yet seen any two chapters do work absolutely alike. I endeavored, after consultation with the Grand Scribe E., to bring all the chapters in Wellington District, as far as possible, into uniformity of work, but found it almost impossible to combat the divergence of opinion that existed as to what was correct.

I beg to thank the companions of this District for the honor they conferred on me last July, and to congratulate them on the improved condition of Capitular Masonry at the present time. My thanks are also due to those companions who gave me their assistance and company when on my official visits.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

G. V. T. GREENHILL,

Grand Supt. Wellington District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my annual report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, which embraces four chapters, viz: Hiram No. 2, Hamilton, St. John's No. 6, Hamilton, St. Clair No. 75, Milton, and White Oak No. 104, Oakville.

HIRAM NO. 2, HAMILTON.—I visited this chapter officially on December 4th, 1893, accompanied by the District Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Hutchison, and presided at the election of officers for the ensuing year. Ex. Comp. R. Magness was elected Z.; Ex. Comp. C. V.

Emory, H. and Comp. Fred Walker J. No. of members on the roll 183. Average attendance members 22, visitors, 8.

Degrees conferred: M. M. M. 11, P. M. 10, M. E. M. 10, R. A. 10: No of Convocations held 12. The Books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer were in excellent condition and reflect great credit on both these officers.

Cash received during the year \$456.50, outstanding dues \$309, cash on hand in bank \$204.32, Liabilities Nil, Assets \$4048.85.

I again visited this chapter on 11th of January, 1894, and installed the officers for the year, assisted by the following companions: R. Ex. Comps. T. Irwin and J. Moodie, Ex. Comps. T. M. Davis and W. Birrell. The prospects of the chapter for the year are encouraging and the principals and officers are enthusiastic and able workers in this branch of Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S NO. 6, HAMILTON.—I paid my official visit to this chapter at their Regular Convocation on December 14th, 1893. There were also present: M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason P. G. Z., R. Ex. Comps. D. McPhie, W. G. Reid and J. Malloy, V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Hutchison, Ex. Comps. T. M. Davis, C. V. Emory and R. Magness.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in their usual style by Ex. Comp. Wm. Birrell and his officers after which I presided at the election of officers which resulted as follows; Ex. Comp. T. McCallum Z., Ex. Comp. W. F. McGivern H., Ex. Comp W. Job J. This is the banner chapter on the register of the Grand Chapter of Canada, having a total membership of 232. There were held during the year 15 convocations with an average attendance of 31 at the regular and 17 at the emergent convocations. Degrees conferred: M. M. M. 5, P. M. 5, M. E. M. 5, R. A. 4. The Scribe E. and Treasurer have their books in the very best order and are models in their respective offices. Cash receipts for the year \$509.45, liabilities \$185. 81, Balance in hands of the Treasurer \$301.89, outstanding dues \$200. I again visited the chapter officially for the purpose of installing the officers for the year on 11th of January, 1894, and was assisted by R. Ex. Comps. T. Irwin and John Moodie and Ex. Comps. J. M. Davis and W. Birrell. The

newly elected and appointed officers are zealous Masons who are determined to keep the chapter up to the high standard it has attained.

ST. CLAIR NO. 75, Milton.—I visited this chapter officially on the 12th June, 1894. I was accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Hutchison, D. S., and Comp. W. J. McAllister, S. E. St. John's Chapter No. 6. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Hoff and his officers and I was received in the most fraternal and hospitable manner by the Companions. I also dedicated the chapter to Royal Arch Masonry according to the ritual of Grand Chapter. No. of members on roll 20, cash receipts for the year \$32.25, cash balance on hand \$50, liabilities nil. During the year the convocations have been held regularly and 4 members have received the degrees and one has joined by affiliation. The prospects for the coming year are very good and the companions are hopeful of large additions to the membership,

WHITE OAK NO. 104, Oakville.—On the 28th June 1894 I visited this chapter officially accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. W. G. Reid and John Malloy, V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Hutchison D. S., Ex. Comps. W. Birrell and T. McCallum, and presided at the election and installation of the officers. During the year 9 regular convocations have been held and 3 new members have been received. Cash receipts during year \$55, balance in treasurer's hands \$49.37, all liabilities paid up. The membership at this date is 23 and the officers expect to have a good shewing during the year. The furniture is valued at \$100 and is fully insured.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On April 4th, 1894, a Chapter of Instruction under the joint auspices of Hiram and St. Johns Chapters was held and was honored with a visit from the following Grand Chapter officers: M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand Z., Right Ex. Comp. Hugh Murray, Grand T., Most Ex. Comp. T. Sargent, Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. B. Allen, P. G. R., R. Ex. Comp. G. V. T. Greenhill, G. S. Wellington District, D. McPhie, P. G. S., R. Ex. Comps. J. Malloy, P. G. S., J. W. Murton, P. G. S., W. G. Reid, P. G. S., and also a large number of Principals and companions of City Chapters and vis-

iting companions. At 2 p. m. the M. M. M. degree was conferred by the officers of St. John's Chapter. At 4 p.m. the M. E. M. degree was exemplified by the officers of White Oak Chapter, and at 8 p. m. the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was worked by the officers of Hiram Chapter. After the close of the Chapter of Instruction, a very pleasant hour was spent in the Banquet Room and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter officers were pleased to compliment the officers highly for the manner in which the degree had been rendered.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the companions of the district for the honor they conferred on me last July in electing me to this important office, and also for the kindness I have experienced at their hands during my term of office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

ALEXANDER SMITH,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The time has again arrived when I am called upon to give an account of my stewardship as Grand Superintendent of Huron District, and I herewith submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this portion of our vineyard, over which I have had the pleasure to preside.

Before entering into details of my report and work in the district for the past year, I wish to mention that the more important, and to my mind more interesting, portion of my report for last year, 1892-3, was in some way left out in the publication of our proceedings for that year ; in which I gave in tabulated form the membership, attendance, assets and other important information necessary to the completion of my report. I made all possible enquiries, but failed to locate or get any trace of it. I am of the opinion it reached the printer's hands and likely laid aside, since there was no other document of a similar character from any of the other chapters. Through this omission my report was not as full as I

intended it should be in giving the information necessary. I herewith submit a table of data similar with my report of this year, which I hope will have the space and consideration it may be worthy of, in order to supply the particulars respecting each chapter in the district and with which Grand Chapter should be familiar.

Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, Stratford. This is the banner chapter of the district, as their increase both in number and interest during the past year will show, which has been above the average. It is true they have advantages over other chapters in the district in the abundance of good material offering from which they can draw for additions and strength to their ranks. As will be seen by the table of data they have added largely to their membership during the year. I made my official visit Feb. 6th, and was accompanied by our Grand Z., this being his mother chapter, in which he is particularly interested, and an important member. I found them to have a large amount of work on hand and continue to have up to the present. They have an efficient staff of officers who are both capable and willing. In the person of R. E. Comp. J. Baker they have a S. E. who is a painstaking and efficient officer. I found the books and records in good form and well kept. Their hall, after being remodeled and refitted may now be considered the most spacious and convenient in the district, and will compare favorably with any in the country. The companions of Tecumseh are to be congratulated in this, for they have spared neither pains nor expense in making it both convenient and comfortable in keeping with modern ideas and demands of the craft. I was present at the dedication when a large representation of the craft and companions were welcomed and entertained.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, Goderich.—This is my *alma mater*. Have attended all the meetings held during the year; installed their officers at their regular convocation in January; made my official visit April 10th, and had the pleasure of having our Grand Z., Jas. E. Harding, with us on that occasion. Our meeting was one of unusual interest, our Grand Z. giving us some pleasant and timely advice, and his visit was one of profit

and interest to the Companions of Huron Chapter. There has been a fair increase to the membership during the year with more on the way. The officers are fairly well up in their work and are enthusiastic and willing to do for the interest of the craft. The prospects are good. For other information see table of data in connection with my report.

ST. JAMES CAAPTER, No. 46, St. Marys.—After a quietus of some time, I am pleased to state that this chapter is to be revived on the 12th inst. with 15 applications for membership, and I learn the prospects are that they will have 14 to 15 applications more at once. Three of the applicants are P. M's of the Blue, and all the candidates are exceptionally intelligent brethren. There is now no doubt of the success of the chapter. Our Grand Z. has assisted largely in having the resuscitation of St. James brought about.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, Kincardine.—I made my official visit to this chapter January 18th, and found it as I left it during my first year as Dist. Supt.—1892-93—a progressive and live institution, steadily adding good material to their membership. They are in sound financial condition, more so than any other chapter in the district, and have a good and energetic staff of officers. Conferred degrees during my visit and the work was well done. Found the books in first-class condition. Havelock is to be complimented in their S. E., as being clear and concise in his duties. In my report of 1893 I intimated, as I still find it to be, one of the best equipped chapters in the district in furniture and paraphernalia, and their conveniences for conferring the degrees among the best. My reception was most cordial, and the hospitality of the companions of Havelock is commendable. This chapter has a bright future. As to what has been done during the past year see table of data in connection with my report.

MALLOCH CHAPTER No. 66, Seaforth.—During the year I visited this chapter on three occasions—first at the installation of their officers when I was assisted by our Grand Z. who accompanied me on his official visit. Malloch was unfortunate in their election of First Principal in 1893, who went west on business early in the

year and before his installation and did not return until about the end of the year and then was through ill health unable to assume the duties of the chair. In the meantime it was but imperfectly filled by their Past Z., consequently Malloch fell behind both in interest and any chance of adding to their membership, but in 1894 Comp. Rev. J. H. Fairlie, late Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, was induced to take the chair (for which a dispensation was secured, he having not as the constitution requires passed through the Second Principal's chair) and we looked forward with a good degree of expectation for new life to Malloch, but again later during the year there has been some little friction with their S. E. and some of the companions in passing the accounts and auditing the books of their late S. E. This also had the effect of some few of the companions becoming dissatisfied and for the time being withdrew. I again visited them when a change was made in the S. E. who had resigned and a transfer of the books was made and had become necessary. But notwithstanding these little grievances Comp. Fairlie with the assistance of his two Principals in the chairs are doing their best to raise Malloch Chapter out of the almost slough of despond into which it had fallen, with, I am pleased to state, a good degree of success, and shall hope that by the end of the year they will be again on their feet and be in a position to claim a fair rating among the chapters in the district. I have done what I could to assist them, and the Grand Z. has also been with us in his counsel and presence to help when required.

LEBANON CHAPTER No. 84, Wingham.—I visited this chapter on March 8th, and was accompanied by our Grand Z., J. E. Harding, Esq. On this official visit we received a right royal welcome. This chapter is also a live and progressive body. Have a fair staff of officers. Conferred some of the degrees during my visit, which was fairly well done. The changes in the work was a little confusing, but which will soon be overcome. In the persons of E. Comp. Williams and E. Comp. Morton, their Z. and S. E. respectively, they have craftsmen whose services and interest will be a strength to the chapter. I found the books in good shape and very satisfactory in arrangement of being kept, as will be

seen in table of detail as they are increasing both in numbers and interest. Their hall after undergoing important changes and being all renovated, with new heating apparatus put in, and other changes of a modern character, at some considerable expense may now be rated amongst the best in the district, and would do credit to much larger chapters. Their town is a live one, which has more or less to do with the make up of a live chapter.

EXETER CHAPTER No. 85, Exeter.—Made my official visit to this chapter March 7th. Had the pleasure of having our Grand Z. with me, when we were tendered a hearty welcome. We installed their officers, which should have been done earlier but was put off until this date. They had no work on hand, the spare time was taken up in the Grand Z. addressing them. There are in their ranks good men and true; their progress is steady and sure. Their First Principal, E. Comp. Collins, is an energetic and zealous officer. They have made a fair showing during the year, and will no doubt continue to keep pace with other chapters similarly situated in the district.

Could not conveniently manage to have a chapter of instruction in our district this year, which was intended (as was last year) to be held in Stratford, but on account of their reception in and dedication of their new hall the companions of Tecumseh felt they had assumed about all they could undertake for the time being. Many companions of the district availed themselves of the opportunity of attending chapters of instruction which were held in neighboring districts, and to which they were cordially invited.

In conclusion I would express my thanks to the officers and companions of the district, whose intercourse I have enjoyed, for their kindness and consideration that have been extended to me during my term of office in my visits among them, whether officially or otherwise, and am confident that whoever my successor may be, the same courtesy and friendly intercourse that it has been my lot to enjoy will be extended to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. HUMBER,
Grand Supt.. Huron District.

Huron District No. 6, 1893=94.

CHAPTER.	No.	PLACE.	Mem ^b 'ship	Increase	Meetings during year	Average attendance	Degrees M. M. M.	Degrees M. E. M.	Degrees R. A. M.	Total dues outstanding	No. in arrears 1 year	Over 2 yrs.	Value Furniture and Paraphalia	Amt. of Insurance.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Are Funds in Bank?	To account of whom?	Are returns made to G. C.	Prospects
Tecumseh . . .	24	Stratford . . .	66	20	16	17	19	19	17	43 00	7	10	100 00	None	380 00	45 00	Yes	Tre.	Yes	good
Huron	30	Goderich . . .	50	7	13	20	7	7	7	160 00	20	20	250 00	200 00	200 00	30 00	No		Yes	good
*St. James . .	46	St. Marys . . .	16		1															good
Havelock . . .	63	Kincardine . .	46	9	17	13	9	8	4	67 73	9	10	500 00	500 00	467 46	40 69	No		Yes	good
Malloch	66	Seaforth . . .	22		9	10	1	1		33 53	4	5	150 00	100 00	150 00	40 00	No		Yes	good
Lebanon	84	Wingham . . .	28	4	9	16	5	7	7	32 00	6	3	330 00	None	400 00	100 00	Yes	Tre.	Yes	fair
†Exeter	85	Exeter																	Yes	good

* Resuscitated July 12th, 1894.

† Information did not reach me in time for report.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara district.

I am glad to be able to report that there has been a general awakening among the chapters of this district. Most of the chapters have added to their numbers, held their meetings more regularly, shown more desire to improve their work, and displayed energy and enthusiasm that must result in benefitting the Royal Craft in this district.

During the past year perfect harmony has prevailed through the district, no question has been submitted to me requiring a ruling or an investigation.

It affords me pleasure to be able to state that every chapter in the district is in working order, and while I have only been able to visit five out of the seven, I have assurances from such companions as Right Excellent Comp. Forbes of Grimsby, that Grimsby Chapter has awakened from its slumber and returned to work with its old time vigor and earnestness, electing new officers, adding to their membership and having several special meetings. Right Excellent Comp. Clement of Niagara is taking special and paternal care of that chapter.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—A chapter of instruction was held in Masonic Hall, St. Catharines, March 16, under the auspices of Mount Moriah Chapter, and was a most instructive and enjoyable event. The attendance was large, nearly every chapter in the district being represented. At 2.30 p. m. the Mark Master's degree was exemplified by the officers of McCallum Chapter, Dunnville. The P. M. degree was communicated by Ex. Comp. Amsden of McCallum Chapter, assisted by the officers of that chapter. The M. E. Master's degree was exemplified by the officers of Wilson Chapter, of Welland. In the evening the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. S. Campbell, First Principal, assisted by the officers of Mount Moriah Chapter. The whole of the several degrees were exemplified in such a manner as to elicit words of commendation from the Most Excellent,

the Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter officers present. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and cannot fail to have a lasting and beneficial effect on R.A. Masonry in this district. At the close of the day's proceedings in the Chapter Room the companions adjourned to a magnificent banquet tendered by Mount Moriah Chapter to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and other distinguished companions present. The Most Ex. the Grand Z., J. E. Harding, expressed his pleasure at meeting the companions of Niagara district in their own Masonic home, and replied in fitting terms to the kindly welcome extended to him. Appropriate speeches were also made by M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Rt. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone and other distinguished companions.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

MCCALLUM NO. 9, Dunnville.—This is my own Chapter which I visited officially on Jan'y 26th. The cordial reception I received was only a foretaste of what I was to receive from each chapter that I have had the pleasure of visiting. This was installation night, and assisted by Rt. Ex. Companions Tipton, Braund and Parry I had the pleasure of installing an efficient set of officers. Some additions have been made to the furniture of this chapter during the year, but more are needed. The chapter is financially sound, dues fairly well paid up.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER NO. 57, Port Colborne—Visited this chapter three times. First visit Feb. 1st. Attendance small, opening and closing of chapter fairly well done. Second visit, March 1st: had the pleasure of being accompanied by Rt. Ex. Companion J. W. Coy, of St. Catharines, attendance larger and work better done, Rt. Ex. Comp. Coy gave an appropriate address which was much appreciated. Third visit to King Hiram Chapter, March 15. On my third visit to this chapter I was accompanied by the officers of McCallum Chapter, who exemplified the Mark Master and Past Master's degrees for the benefit of the members of Hiram Chapter. This chapter has been dormant for some years, but during the past year has been meeting regularly, and better things may be hoped for in the future. Dues are very much in arrear. The chapter is fairly well equipped, and with a

little hard work on the part of its officers will soon again reach its old time condition of prosperity.

WILLSON CHAPTER No. 64. Welland—Visited this chapter Feb. 28. This is a live chapter, doing good work, and has made large additions to its membership during the year past. This chapter is well equipped with live, bright officers that are a guarantee of success. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on the occasion of my visit, and the work was generally very creditably done.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER No. 19, St. Catharines. Visited this chapter March 16—the chapter of instruction—and saw the splendid manner in which the Royal Arch degree work is done by the officers of Mount Moriah Chapter. The S. E.'s books were well kept; the equipment of the chapter is good. The prospects for Mount Moriah Chapter appear to be very bright, well officered, an enthusiastic membership, and a good field to draw from, it should be the bright particular star of the Niagara district.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER No. 76, Niagara Falls South—Visited this chapter May 18. The attendance was good, considering that a heavy rain storm prevailed during afternoon and evening. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. Was present at opening of council which was fairly well done. The S. E.'s books are well kept, dues well paid up and general finances of Chapter in good shape; equipment fair.

In conclusion, a little encouragement to the weaker chapters for the next year will materially assist them to regain their lost ground and place them once more in the front rank. Generally speaking the prospects are bright for Capitular Masonry in the Niagara district. Something has been done to awaken interest; much remains to be done.

I wish to thank the companions for their many acts of kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

LOUIS A. CONGDON,
Grand Supt. Niagara District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor, as Grand Superintendent, to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto District, No. 8, during the 12 months ended May 31st, 1894.

I desire first to express my sincere thanks to the companions of the District for the honor which they conferred upon me at Ottawa in June last in nominating me for the office of Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for his kind approval of their nomination. If I have been of any service to my district and to Capitular Masonry, I shall feel amply repaid for the labor which the duties of the office have imposed upon me. The Grand Superintendent of a district which is the largest in the jurisdiction, as regards both the number of chapters and total membership (comprising as it did at the commencement of my term of office nearly one-sixth of the membership of Grand Chapter), is charged with great responsibilities. I can only express the hope that I have not proved unfaithful to my trust.

My first act upon entering upon the duties of my office was the appointment of Ex. Comp. Fred. Sparling, I. P. Z. of St. Paul's Chapter No. 65, as District Secretary. Early in August I sent a circular letter to the First Principals in my jurisdiction asking for their support and co-operation during my term of office, and, among other things, directing their attention to several matters of detail in respect of which some of the chapters of the district could effect improvement. I pointed out that, according to the reports sent in to my predecessor, proper attention was not paid in some quarters to the matter of insurance against loss by fire, nor to the preparation and safe keeping of inventories of chapter property; also, that in several instances the amount of arrearages for dues was much too great, and that companions had been allowed to become too deeply indebted to their chapters. "In such cases," my letter said, "the circumstances must be such as to warrant either the suspension of the companion, or the remission

of at least a portion of his dues." The returns for the year just ended show that these suggestions have not been without effect.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The Toronto District, although still the largest in the jurisdiction, was greatly reduced in extent by the creation last year of the Georgian District to the north. It now numbers 9 chapters—7 of them in Toronto and its suburbs—and the cares of its Superintendent have thus been greatly lessened. I have paid 22 official visits in the district during my term of office, as follows: St. Andrew and St John, 2; King Solomon, 3; Doric, Newmarket, 2; York, North Toronto, 3; St. Paul's, 4; Occident, 3; Orient, 2; Antiquity, 2; and Tuscan, Brampton, 1. I also presided at the first District Chapter of Instruction held under the auspices of St. Paul's Chapter. On May 7th, upon the invitation of R. Ex. Comp. Greenhill, G. Supt. of Wellington District, and the officers and companions of Waterloo Chapter No. 32, I attended a most successful Chapter of Instruction at Galt, where I had the pleasure of meeting the Most Excellent the Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. Walsh, Grand J., and other distinguished companions. Among a large number of Toronto visitors present were M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comps. Ben Allen and E. T. Malone. I was honored with invitations also from R. Ex. Comps. A. Smith, J. Aylsworth and G. E. R. Wilson, G. Supts., to attend their District Chapters of Instruction at Hamilton, Picton and Port Hope respectively, but the pressure of other masonic duties prevented my acceptance. On May 15th, in company with Ex. Comp. Aubrey White and other officers and companions of St. Paul's Chapter, I paid a fraternal visit to Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterboro, on which occasion, at the request of Ex. Comps. Wood and Spence, I installed the officers of that chapter. These visits were most enjoyable, as indeed were all those paid to the chapters of my own district; my reception by the companions was in every case most cordial, and everywhere was manifested an earnest desire to do honor to my office. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the following chapters in the district: King Solomon, Jan. 3rd; York, Jan. 4th; Occi-

dent, Jan. 8th ; Antiquity, Jan. 9th ; and St. Paul's, Jan. 10th.

DISTRICT CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Early in the present year I called a meeting of the First Principals of the chapters of the district for the purpose of making arrangements for a series of District Chapters of Instruction. The compactness of the district rendering it unnecessary to present all the work in one day, it was decided that three convocations should be held in different parts of the city for the purpose of exemplifying or working the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. A special invitation to attend all of these convocations was sent to each companion in the district, as well as to each of the present officers of Grand Chapter.

The first convocation of the series was held on March 30th, under the auspices of St. Paul's Chapter, in the Blue Room of the Toronto St. Masonic Hall. The fine room, which was adorned with plants and presented a handsome appearance, was crowded with members of the Royal Craft. The district was highly honored by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand Z., who was accompanied by the following other officers of Grand Chapter : R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand H. ; M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E. ; R. Ex. Comps. W. Walker, Grand Prin. Soj., and A. Shaw, Kingston ; and V. Ex. Comps. G. F. Shepley, Grand 1st Asst. Soj., and T. R. Bain, G. Sword Bearer. Among other distinguished companions present were M. Ex. Comps. F. J. Menet and Kivas Tully ; R. Ex. Comps. Ben Allen, T. F. Blackwood, G. J. Bennett, C. W. Postlethwaite, Jas. Wilson, J. Hetherington, J. G. Rousseaux, and V. Ex. Comps. R. W. Hull, F. F. Manley and C. F. Mansell. The chapters of the district were well represented, upwards of forty past or present First Principals being in attendance, with a very large number of other principals and companions. Among the visitors from a distance were Ex. Comps. J. S. Morgan, Z., Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie, and W. J. Hallett, P. Z., Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay. A cordial welcome was given to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and other distinguished visitors, after which Ex. Comp. Aubrey

White, Z. of St. Paul's Chapter, and his officers, conferred the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch upon two candidates for exaltation. St. Paul's being my own chapter, I hesitate now, as I did at the time, to speak as I would without hesitation of another chapter under the same circumstances. However, the unqualified praise of the work which was expressed by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and others justifies me in the assertion that the ceremonies of the degree were performed in such a manner as almost wholly to disarm criticism, and that Ex. Comp. White and his officers fully sustained the high reputation which their chapter has for years enjoyed. In point of accuracy, precision and attention to detail, nothing better could have been expected or desired. There was no weak spot, each officer, from the highest to the lowest, doing his part as effectively as if he had occupied his chair for a life-time. The general effect was in addition greatly enhanced by the large gathering of companions, the ample space for floor-work afforded by the fine large room, and, by no means least, the appropriate music kindly rendered by Comp. Raymond Walker at the organ. At the conclusion of the work the M. Ex. the Grand Z. expressed his very great satisfaction with what he had seen, and highly complimented the officers of the evening upon their proficiency. An interesting discussion then followed with regard to one or two minor details of the ceremonies as laid down, and as to which some difference of opinion manifested itself. The points in dispute will, I understand, be definitely settled at next Grand Chapter. At the close of the above proceedings a large number of the companions gathered at the refreshment table, where M. Ex. Comp. Harding again expressed his gratification at what he had witnessed.

On April 16th, the second Convocation of the series was held as a Regular Convocation of Antiquity Chapter, Parkdale. Among those present were Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Walker, Z of the Chapter; Rt. Ex. Comp. G. G. Rowe; V. Ex. Comps. T. R. Bain, R. Charlton and W. Riddle, and Ex. Comp. F. Sparling, District Secretary, with many of the officers and members of the chapters of the district. The work of the Most Excellent Master degree, which was conferred on this occasion, being now curtailed, but little scope is given for the display of the

abilities of the officers who render it, other than the Worshipful Master. I was greatly pleased with the correct work of Ex. Comp. Horton, H., who occupied the chair as W. M. The only mistake of the evening was the neglect of the Deacon to prepare the candidate properly, and the failure of the Inner Guard to detect the omission. The candidate being sent back, those present thus received an object lesson of considerable value. The officers who were at fault are young in the craft, and were new to the work and probably over-anxious to perform their parts well. I know them to be most enthusiastic Companions, who are certain to become admirable workers and have, in fact, already given proof of their capabilities. I was quite satisfied with the evening's work. At the close the visitors were hospitably entertained by Antiquity Chapter.

The third Chapter of Instruction was held on April 26th as a regular Convocation of Orient Chapter, which meets in the eastern part of the city. Among the large number present were M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Comps. Ben Allen and J. B. Nixon, V. Ex. Comp. T. R. Bain, and representatives of the chapters of the district. On this occasion the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred, Ex. Comp. D. D. Grierson, Z. of the Chapter, occupying the chair as W. M. The work was excellently done, all the officers showing most commendable proficiency. Ex. Comps. Grierson, Unitt and Nancollas in the chairs, and Comps. Dr. Foster and G. Moore as S. D. and I. G. respectively, are particularly worthy of mention. I was much pleased with the attention paid to the points of detail in which changes had recently been made in the work. Having invited comment I was asked a number of questions which, with the answers given, I need not set out here. I may mention, however, that in answer to the question whether the selection of the mark by Mark Master Masons was compulsory or not, I was, of course, obliged to answer that it was, according to the Constitution of Grand Chapter. I shall refer to this subject in a subsequent portion of this report.

It is gratifying to me to be able to report that I have had no unpleasant duties to perform during the year.

No grievances were laid before me, nor were any investigations asked for. The only important ruling that I was called upon to give was that before admitting a Brother who had moved from North Toronto into Toronto four months before presenting himself to York Chapter as a candidate, it was necessary that the consent of some city chapter should be obtained.

CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.

I have pleasure in reporting that the District has, as a whole, made marked progress in almost all respects during the past year, while several of its chapters have taken remarkable strides in the admission of candidates. I cannot better characterize the general improvement of which I speak than by saying that new life appears to have been infused into Capitular Masonry in Toronto District, as elsewhere, and that the Royal Craft here is now taking the position in the eyes of the Masonic world which it has hitherto failed to occupy. It is being "talked about," with the result that not only are candidates seeking admission to its ranks in large numbers, but Companions of long standing who years ago lost all interest in their chapters, if they took any at all, are returning to the fold and are filled with amazement at the liveliness of what they had evidently regarded as a somnolent institution. This stir and bustle is displaying itself in most of the individual chapters, not only in the amount of work done, but in the manner in which it is done. The slovenliness and the indifference which have acted as dead weights upon the chapters are giving way to smartness and enthusiasm, candidates are plentiful, and activity is the order of the day. This is the bright side of the picture. It is well to remember, however, that we are yet only at the beginning of the possibilities, and that we are still very far from having attained perfection. There is room for vast improvement in many respects. In this district one glaring weakness is inattention to their duties on the part of many of the subordinate officers of chapters (to say nothing of a like failing on the part of some of the superior officers), and this, as it seriously affects the quality of the work done, is, I believe, one of the main causes of the slim attendance at chapter convocations—a second weak point. There is not a chapter in this district

which should not have twice the average attendance that it has had during the past year. But when the minor officers are in great part irregular in their attendance and make little effort to discharge their duties properly, except upon "show" occasions—and in some cases not even then—the work suffers, and the attendance of Companions diminishes. I believe that nothing is better calculated to kill interest in a Masonic institution than miserable work. That many of our chapters are prospering in spite of the drawbacks I mention should be regarded only as an indication of the still greater prosperity they would experience in the absence of such hindrances to progress. If we are to hold the many members we are now admitting we must have good work.

The Principals of the chapters of the district are, with comparatively few exceptions, energetic, capable and efficient officers.

The following is a record of the degrees worked by the two sets of Principals who have been under my supervision :

No.	CHAPTER.	Z.		H.		J.	
		June-Dec., 1893.	January-May, 1894.	June-December, 1893.	Jan.-May, 1894	June to December 1893.	January to May 1894.
4	St. Andrew and St. John ...	R.A.	All	M.M.M., P.M., M.E.M.	..	..	M.M.M.
8	King Solomon	M.M.M., R.A.	M.M.M., R.A.	P.M.	P.M.	..	M.M.M.
60	Doric.....	..	M.M.M.	..	..	..	M.M.M.
62	York.....	P.M., R.A.	P.M., M.E.M., R.A.	M.E.M.	..	M.M.M.	M.M.M.
65	St. Paul's.....	R.A.	R.A.	P.M., M.E.M.	P.M., M.E.M.	M.M.M.	M.M.M.
77	Occident.....	M.M.M., P.M., M.E.M.	M.M.M.	..	..	..	..
79	Orient.....	M.M.M., P.M., M.E.M.	All	..	..	..	..
91	Antiquity	..	M.M.M., M.E.M., R.A.	..	M.M.M., M.E.M.	..	..
65	Tuscan	..	..	..	..	..	..

The Scribes Ezra are careful and painstaking as a rule—some of them remarkably so. The Principal Sojourners, I take the greatest pleasure in saying, are as fine a lot of officers as could be found in the same number of chapters selected from all the other districts. I can go no further with general commendation. There are, it is needless to say, many excellent officers among the present subordinates, but as a class these Sub-Lieutenants, upon whose faithfulness much more depends than they appear to realize, are sadly lacking in attention to their duties. The remedy is in the hands of the chapters themselves, if they will only use it. No officer should receive promotion unless he merits it. If this principle were carried into effect generally, well-worked chapters would be the rule, not the exception. It is only fair to add that in some of the chapters of this district promotion is granted, as far as possible, only to the meritorious and praiseworthy.

It has been most gratifying to me to note in each of the chapters of my jurisdiction the continued faithfulness and zeal of a number of the Past First Principals. In some instances to these veterans belongs almost the entire credit of having carried their chapters through times of difficulty and depression; in every chapter I have found some of them constant in their attendance, and ever ready and able to render valuable assistance in whatever capacity their services might be required. So long as this spirit prevails, even among a few only in each chapter, Capitular Masonry will survive any shock. The names of many of the Companions to whom I refer will be found in the record of my visits throughout the District.

I come now to the statistics of my report, the greater portion of which I have tabulated for convenience of reference. In Table A will be found the record of work done, etc., by the chapters during the 12 months just ended. It shows the addition of 122 new members to the rolls in this district, with a net increase in membership of 34. As the returns of 1893 gave a total membership of 624 in the chapters at present constituting the district, the above increase should make the present total 658. The actual present membership, however, is 656, there being an undetected error of 2 in the returns

of Orient Chapter previous to this year. If, as is only fair in considering the progress of the eight live chapters, we deduct from the losses of membership the 29 withdrawals and suspensions in Tuscan Chapter (which is about to pass out of existence) we find that the eight have made a net increase of 63, and that they have no fewer than 67 candidates ballotted for and accepted and waiting for admission. Four of these eight chapters—King Solomon, Antiquity, St. Andrew and St. John, and Orient—have taken in 93 new members, have made a total net gain of 58, and have 48 candidates on hand for degrees. King Solomon heads the list with the splendid record of 36 admissions and joinings, largely the fruit of Ex. Comp. N. T. Lyon's labors since the beginning of the year; Antiquity comes next with 22, and then follow St. Andrew and St. John, and Orient, with 19 and 16 respectively. The losses of the district have this year been unusually swelled by the steps taken by two chapters to clear their rolls of the names of a large number of Companions hopelessly in arrears for dues—the accumulations of years. Occident suspended 13 of its members for this cause, and Antiquity 14. The latter chapter, moreover, has been obliged to add 2 to its number of losses, to correct the omission of two dimits in the returns of a previous year. Taking into account the unusual circumstances which have swelled the losses list the record of the district is one of which Grand Chapter may be proud. The number of new members received exceeds by 30 the highest record of the past ten years, and is unprecedented.

In Table B I have given the record for the past ten years of the chapters at present constituting this district, and when its figures are compared with those in Table A the relative importance of the work of the past year becomes apparent. The net increase of membership in the district for the ten years, according to the detailed returns to Grand Chapter, is 125, but the figures of total membership show an increase of 133, this discrepancy also being the result of errors in the detailed returns. It will be noticed that even the apparently small net increase of 34 for the past year is large as compared with the average of 9 or 10 for the previous nine years; while the increase of the district for the ten years is nearly one

half the total increase of membership of Grand Chapter in the period 1884-1893. The Table shows that St. Paul's Chapter, whose progress in point of membership has been comparatively slow but steady, has made the largest net gain in the ten years, viz., 50; Antiquity coming next with 40. The pioneer chapters have, of course, had varying fortunes, their growth being at times affected by the establishment of new chapters in the city.

Table C presents other interesting information reported to me by the chapters. The number of convocations held in the district was large, being as follows: Regular 81, emergent 29, special 1—a total of 111. Leaving aside the special convocation and the two held by Tuscan Chapter the average of the eight other chapters was $12\frac{1}{2}$. The attendance, as I have already remarked, has been small. An average attendance of 16 Companions in an average membership of 73 cannot be regarded as satisfactory. The dues are in good condition. Antiquity and Occident Chapters have, by drastic measures, wholly cleared their books of arrears, and St. Andrew and St. John and Doric Chapters are the only ones in which the arrearages are too large. The other contents of Table C call for little comment, where blanks appear the required information was not furnished. Most of the chapters, being tenants, possess little property other than paraphernalia. It is gratifying to note that instruction meetings have become general. They are, the reports show, held regularly by all the chapters except Tuscan, Occident and York, and in the latter the degrees are frequently exemplified at regular convocations, when there is no work to be done. The chief difficulty in connection with these meetings is that of procuring the regular attendance of all the officers. Nothing need be said as to the great benefit to be derived from well attended rehearsals. The reports as to future prospects in Table C are, I believe, fairly accurate.

Additional facts of interest are as follows: In all the chapters the cash received by the Scribe E. is promptly paid over to the Treasurer, and all but Tuscan and York report that the funds are deposited in a Bank

in the name of the chapter, the Treasurer, or, in one case, the First Principal and Scribe E. All report their chapter rooms as being suitable. An inventory of property is kept outside the chapter room by five chapters. Doric Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the then Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Charles ; all the others appeared by proxy. The paraphernalia throughout the district is in good condition. The fee for exaltation and subordinate degrees has been reduced to \$10 in all the chapters except St. Paul's, which maintains its fee of \$20.

With the view of bringing the subject to the attention of Grand Chapter, I made enquiries as to the observance or otherwise of that part of the Constitution which enjoins the selection of a "mark" by every Mark Master Mason within six months after taking that degree. King Solomon Chapter gave no answer to my question ; Antiquity replied that the requirement was kept in view, but that the brethren generally failed to comply with it ; while all the other chapters reported that they paid no attention to the regulation. King Solomon, Doric and Orient Chapters have Mark-books, but have not used them for years. St. Andrew and St. John once had one, but it cannot now be found. None of the other chapters ever possessed such a book. Grand Chapter should, I beg humbly to suggest, either insist upon the observance of its law with regard to the "mark" or else repeal it.

I beg to suggest also for the consideration of Grand Chapter the advisability of preparing model blanks of chapter registers, due books, etc., or, perhaps, of making arrangements even for supplying these books to the chapters at cost, upon application. One book, if properly designed, could be made to contain, in a form convenient for reference, all information relating to membership, dues, etc. Comp. McCurrah, S. E. of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, has recently designed such a book, and St. Paul's has had one in use for years past. It is most important that the Scribes Ezra keep an abstract or synopsis of the admissions, withdrawals, etc., and of the total membership statistics returned to Grand Chapter each year. If this were done and proper care always taken to

make the returns tally with those of the preceding year the errors which are now so frequent and so embarrassing to the Grand Scribe E. would be avoided.

I beg to suggest also that the chapters should take pains to instruct their companions in the proper pronunciation of the pass-word of the Royal Arch degree, and that they should pay greater attention to the signs to be given in the processions in the Mark degree and to the ceremonies around the altar in the opening, and the closing of the Most Excellent Master degree.

THE CHAPTERS.

ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN CHAPTER No. 4, Toronto—Meets in Chapter Room, Masonic Hall, Toronto Street. I paid my first official visit to this chapter on Sept. 15th, and was present at the opening which was only fairly well done. V. Ex. Comp. T. R. Bain, Grand Sword-Bearer, who is a highly esteemed member of the Chapter, was officially welcomed and congratulated upon the honor conferred upon him by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. At the regular convocation in October following he was presented by the chapter with a handsome set of the regalia of his office. The adoption of revised by-laws having given rise to a long discussion, and no candidate being present, no work was done on the occasion of my visit, although the First Principal, Ex. Comp. T. B. Cole, offered to exemplify the Mark degree for my benefit. Knowing already the Ex. Comp's energy and ability I was unwilling to detain the chapter for this purpose at a late hour, I was invited to instal the officers of this chapter in January, but owing to absence from the city, I was unable to comply with the request. My second visit was made on May 18th, when about 25 companions were present, including V. Ex. Comp. Bain and Ex. Comps. Jas. Glanville, T. B. Cole and C. A. Matthews, P. Z's. Eleven applicants were balloted for and accepted at this convocation, and the Mark degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by Ex. Comp. H. J. Hamilton, H., assisted in the obligation by Ex. Comp. Spencer Love, Z. The work of the Senior Deacon, Comp. J. W. Jones (P. S.) and the Inner Guard, J. F. Boyce (J. S.) deserves special mention for its accuracy

and style of delivery. I was unfortunately unable to arrange to see the other degrees worked by this chapter. The books are beautifully kept by Comp. J. McCurrah, S. E., and are patterns of neatness. A new combined register and due book, of the companion's own design, is most comprehensive and convenient, and might well be taken as a model by other chapters. This chapter has been for some time past, and is now, in good hands, and its officers, with one or two exceptions, appear to be capable, efficient and attentive to their duties. The fine record of admissions and of accepted candidates speaks for itself. The state of the dues is not altogether satisfactory, the number of companions in arrears being too large.

KING SOLOMON CHAPTER No. 8, Toronto—Meets in Chapter Room, Masonic Hall, Toronto Street. I first visited this chapter officially on Nov. 1st, being accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen and V. Ex. Comps. T. R. Bain, Grand Sword-Bearer, and G. F. Shepley, Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner. Ex. Comp. Cole and his chapter also visited officially. Among the companions present were Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. Patterson and V. Ex. Comp. Robt. Oliver. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon three candidates. The work of the three Principals, Ex. Comps. S. Brown, Z., N. T. Lyon, H., and W. H. Woodstock, J., and of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. C. H. Dunning, was excellent, but many of the minor officers were absent, and consequently portions of the degree were indifferently rendered, thus marring the general effect. On Jan. 3rd I again visited officially, and with M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, installed the officers. This was one of the finest regular convocations it has been my pleasure to attend during my term of office. About 50 companions were present, including 12 Principals of all ranks. Among the number were M. Ex. Comps. Sargant and Kivas Tully, Rt. Ex. Comps. E. T. Malone, Ben Allen, Alex. Patterson, and V. Ex. Comp. Robt. Oliver. At the refreshment table M. Ex. Comp. Kivas Tully entertained those present with interesting reminiscences of the early history of Capitular Masonry in this country. I paid a third official visit on April 4th, when St. Paul's and York Chapters were also

represented officially. The Mark degree was worked by Ex. Comp. Dunning, J., assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. Patterson and Ex. Comps. S. Brown and Wm. Anderson. I was much pleased with Ex. Comp. Dunning's rendering of the work, and with the proficiency of the Senior Deacon, Ex. Comp. C. E. McDonald, P. S. This chapter could not be under better guidance than it is at present. Ex. Comp. N. T. Lyon, the First Principal, is noted as an active and energetic Mason, and a most thorough and impressive ritualist, and he is ably seconded by Ex. Comps. Woodstock and Dunning. The increase in membership during the past few months has been phenomenal, and there is a large amount of material still on hand. The books are neatly kept by Comp. John Roberts, S. E., and the dues are well paid up. The Executive Committee keep a small minute book of their own—a plan which is worthy of imitation by others. Several of the minor officers are sadly lacking in smartness and precision. Attendance at rehearsals would remedy this defect. The ordinary attendance is small in proportion to the membership, which is not only the largest in the district, but has received the greatest number of accessions during the past year.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 60, Newmarket, meets in the Masonic Hall. I was most anxious to visit this chapter at an early date, and, in fact, had all arrangements made to do so in October. At the last moment, however, I was asked to postpone the visit owing to difficulty in obtaining a quorum. I am happy to say that this trouble no longer exists. My first visit was paid on March 7th, when I was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comps. Wm. Roaf and Ben Allen. The attendance was very good although the roads were in a wretched condition, and many of those present had to drive long distances. At the First Principal's request Ex. Comp. J. C. Morgan, Z. of Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie, a warm personal friend of one of the candidates, conferred the Royal Arch degree, doing so most impressively and with an effective delivery which is too little cultivated in Masonic work. Ex. Comp. D. H. B. Phillips rendered his part most creditably, while the Principal Sojourner, Comp. A. G. Nicol, elicited the highest praise of those present for the skill and proficiency

displayed by him in a position which was his first office in the chapter, and which he then filled for the first time. The other regular officers being absent their places were ably taken by Ex. Comps. Jas. Allen, J. E. Hollingshead, A. Borngassar, T. H. Brunton and P. T. Lee. The Mark Degree was subsequently conferred by Ex. Comp. H. J. Charles, (Z) and here again Comp. Nicol distinguished himself. I was afterwards most hospitably entertained and warmly welcomed on behalf of the chapter by Ex. Comp. Brunton, who is a model host and chairman. I was delighted to meet, amongst others, Ex. Comps. Allen, Hollingshead and Borngasser, who were the mainstays of this chapter in its time of depression. I paid a second visit on June 6, again accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen. Owing to political excitement and the lateness of the season there was a small attendance, and but few of the officers were present. The Past Master Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Charles, the Most Excellent Master, by myself and the Royal Arch by Rt. Ex. Comp. Allen. Inspired by the enthusiasm of Ex. Comp. Charles, this chapter is experiencing a revival, after an interval of "innocuous desuetude." There is no lack of candidates, a number coming even from Uxbridge, which is twenty miles distant across country. The First Principal is active and energetic, and as several of the most capable officers are near the head of the list, there is no good reason why Doric should not at an early day occupy again the high place it once possessed in this district. The weak points are the indifference of many of the resident companions, and the inattention of some of the minor officers. The books are properly kept by Comp. R. D. Prest, S. E., but the dues are too largely in arrears.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62, North Toronto—Meets in York Masonic Hall. My first visit to this chapter was on Oct. 5th, when I was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen and V. Ex. Comp. T. R. Bain. Among those present to welcome me were Rt. Ex. Comps. John Fisher and Wm. Roaf, V. Ex. Comp. R. W. Hull, and Ex. Comps. Geo. Reeves and Hopkins. I witnessed the opening and closing of the chapter, which was well done by Ex. Comp. Geo. H. C. Brooke, Z., and his officers, with one or two exceptions among the subordinates.

The expected candidates not putting in their appearance, Ex. Comp. D. Robertson, J., exemplified the Mark degree in a most satisfactory manner. The work was good throughout, and I was highly pleased with it. On this occasion the officers seemed somewhat disheartened at the paucity of applicants, but I pointed out to them that if they maintained the standard of their work the prospects of the chapter in this respect could scarcely fail to brighten. On Jan. 4th I visited again with Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen and Ex. Comp. P. T. Lee. On this occasion I installed the newly elected officers, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comps. Fisher and Allen. On June 7th, Rt. Ex. Comp. Allen again accompanied me to this chapter, Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Z. of St. Paul's Chapter, also visiting officially. Among the companions present were Rt. Ex. Comps. Fisher and Roaf, V. Ex. Comp. Hull, and Ex. Comp. Reeves. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. D. Robertson, and his officers in excellent style. The work was not only accurate but exact in details of floor-work. I was glad to congratulate, not only the three Principals, Ex. Comps. Robertson, Duncan and Madden, but also the Acting Principal Sojourner, V. Ex. Comp. Hull, whose thoroughness and fine delivery have justly earned him a reputation as one of the best workers in the district. This chapter deserves the highest praise for its perseverance under difficulties, and for the attention which it gives to the work of the degrees. It can scarcely hope for extraordinary growth for some time to come at least, but it is certain to progress steadily so long as it is in as good hands as it is at present. The books are neatly kept, and an effort is being made to improve the condition of the dues.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER No. 65, Toronto—Meets in the Masonic Hall, 801 Yonge street. This being my own chapter I feel some hesitation in commending its good qualities lest it should be thought that filial feeling had influenced my judgment. I have endeavored, however, elsewhere in this report, and desire now to speak solely as an independent critic. I attended fourteen of the 15 regular and emergent convocations of my chapter (besides the District Chapter of Instruction held under its auspices), and visited it officially on four of these occa-

sions, the earliest of which, on Sept. 13th, was my first official visit in the district. Among the few companions then present were Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Roaf and V. Ex. Comp. G. F. Shepley, I. P. Z. The Mark degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Donald, J., in excellent style. On Jan. 10th I installed the officers of the chapter, assisted by M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, Rt. Ex. Comps. T. F. Blackwood and Ben Allen, and V. Ex. Comp. G. F. Shepley. This was a fine meeting. Among the large number of visitors were M. Ex. Comp. Kivas Tully and the officers and companions of King Solomon, Antiquity and York Chapters. On March 30th the first of the series of District Chapters of Instruction was held under the auspices of this chapter, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred by its officers. This convocation has already been described in this report. I paid other official visits on May 9th and June 13th, on both of which occasions the Royal Arch degree was worked. I have seen all the chapter degrees worked by this chapter—the Mark by Ex. Comps. Donald and Armour, the Past Master and Most Excellent Master by Ex. Comps. White and Donald, and the Royal Arch by Ex. Comps. Sparling and White—and I think that I am not going beyond the truth when I say that the work of these officers and their subordinates, when seen at its best as I have frequently seen it, is as fine as it is possible to make it. This is largely the result of the careful and constant rehearsal which this chapter has for years past required of its officers. These rehearsals are regularly attended by Past First Principals, among whom I may mention Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen, V. Ex. Comp. G. F. Shepley and Ex. Comp. F. Sparling, as being always able and willing to fill any position in the chapter at any time. The subordinate officers are, as a rule, attentive to their duties, though some are inclined to be careless when no special effort is required of them. I must congratulate Comp. J. McKnight, P. S., on his impressive and accurate work; on the occasion of the District Chapter of Instruction it elicited the highest praise on all sides. Although St. Paul's does not make rapid growth from year to year, Ex. Comp. Aubrey White has good cause to be proud of his chapter, as it in turn has reason to pride itself upon its presiding officer and his staff. The books of the chapter are well kept by

Comp. F. W. Harcourt, S. E., and the dues are in good condition. The chapter has 20 life members. I would be ungrateful if I did not here acknowledge with most sincere thanks the many kindnesses which, as Grand Superintendent, I received at the hands of my own companions

OCCIDENT CHAPTER No. 77, Toronto—Meets in Masonic Hall, Queen and Bathurst Sts. I visited this chapter for the first time on Nov. 13, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Bain and Ex. Comp. Cole. The attendance was small, only a few companions occupying the side benches. The Most Excellent Master's degree was worked by V. Comp. A. G. Horwood, Z., in a most satisfactory manner, but many of the subordinate officers were absent, their places being taken by V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Riddle, Ex. Comp. Robt. Charlton and others. On Jan. 8 I paid a second visit in company with Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Walker, Grand Principal Sojourner, who aided me in installing the officers. I was assisted also by Rt. Ex. Comp. John Hetherington, P. G. S., V. Ex. Comp. Riddle and Ex. Comp. Charlton. On this occasion, too, a number of the subordinate officers were absent. On June 11 I visited again, and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Wm. Parsons being out of the city, V. Ex. Comp. Riddle filled his place most acceptably, while I took that of the Second Principal. The Third Principal and the Principal Sojourner, Ex. Comp. W. Bunting and Comp. W. M. Murdoch are well up in their work and are faithful officers. I had no opportunity of judging the capabilities of the other officers. The attendance of the three Convocations was very small, and the average for the year, without visitors, is 13. This unsatisfactory state of affairs is probably due in part to the indifference of the minor officers, whose absence at various times renders it impossible to render the work in proper style. The First Principal has unfortunately been out of the city on visits during the greater part of the past six months. Were it not for the faithfulness of Rt. Ex. Comp. Hetherington, V. Ex. Comp. Horwood and the other P. Z.s above mentioned, I fear that this chapter would have little life. I am informed, however, that the prospects for the future are brighter; I shall be greatly pleased if this proves true

for I have the pleasantest recollections of the welcome extended to me on the occasion of my visits. A shaking up of the dry bones at the next elections would probably do much good. The books are very well kept and the dues are in the best possible condition, no companion being two years or more in arrear.

ORIENT CHAPTER No. 79, Toronto—Meets in Masonic Hall, Queen St. east and Bolton Ave. I first visited this chapter on Dec. 28, on the occasion of the election of officers. Among the many Companions present were M. Ex. Comp. Sargent, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and Ex. Comps. Ira Bates, John Jones and Percy Hill. I witnessed the opening of the chapter which was only fairly well done. The elections passed off harmoniously, being practically unanimous. The Mark Degree was then conferred by Ex. Comp. J. S. Ballantyne, Z., whose work was very good; but as a number of the subordinate officers were not in their places, parts of the degree were ragged and uneven. My next visit was on April 26, on the occasion of the third of the series of district chapters of instruction, when the Mark degree was conferred. I have spoken elsewhere of the exceedingly accurate and careful rendering of the ceremonies by Ex. Comp. D. D. Grierson and his officers, and need only repeat that I was greatly pleased with the manner in which this chapter performed the task allotted to it. A feature of the evening's performance was the taking of the ballot upon thirteen names of applicants for admission. Orient Chapter has made a fine record for itself this year in the number of members added to its roll, and it has a large number of other applicants already accepted. It has an excellent staff of officers, and now ranks among the most active of the city chapters. Its books are very neatly kept by Comp. A. E. Ham, S. E., who is a painstaking officer. The dues are fairly well paid up. This chapter possesses the only mark-book that I have seen in this district.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, Toronto—Meets in Masonic Hall, 1299 Queen street west. I first visited this chapter officially on Jan. 9th, when I installed the newly elected officers, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett. Among those present were Rt. Ex. Comps. J. Hetherington and G. G. Rowe, and Ex. Comps. P. T.

Lee, of Doric Chapter, Newmarket ; J. Colvin, of Tuscan Chapter, Brampton, and T. B. Cole of St. Andrew and St. John. My second official visit was made at the time of the second District Chapter of Instruction on April 16th. I have already referred to this convocation, and expressed my satisfaction with what I saw at it. Antiquity Chapter was, I regret to say, unfortunate in its selection of a Third Principal for the current year. The companion who was installed in that chair in January last was Scribe E last year, but did not discharge the duties of that office satisfactorily, nor has he, I am informed, been at all attentive to his present duties. He has been present at only one convocation since his installation. Two years ago, moreover, the then Scribe E. involved the chapter in serious financial loss, from which it has only just recovered. To add to these difficulties, the First Principal of last year displayed little interest in the affairs of the chapter, and in October left the city for a year's absence abroad. Throughout these troubles Antiquity has had a true friend in Rt. Ex. Comp. Walker, who has practically been First Principal for several years past, and was kind enough to undertake the discharge of the duties of the office once more in January. The Rt. Ex. Companion has been a tower of strength to his chapter, and, as he is now assisted by an excellent staff of officers, with the one exception above noted, the institution is once more on a firm basis and is making remarkable strides. Its record of admissions for the past twelve months stands next to the highest for the district, though the necessity of dealing summarily with a large number of companions in arrear has caused its losses of members to counter-balance its gains. The prospects of the chapter are now very bright. The books are beautifully kept by Ex. Comp. A. R. Symons, S. E., who is a most thorough and efficient officer. No companion was on May 31st last more than ten months in arrear for dues.

TUSCAN CHAPTER No. 95, Brampton—Meets in Masonic Hall. I regret exceedingly to have to report that this chapter has recently dimitted the greater number of its members and disposed of its paraphernalia with the intention of surrendering its warrant at an early date. Last year my predecessor reported that no work had been done during the year, that the books of the Scribe E.

were in an unsatisfactory state owing to his having left the country under a cloud, that it was feared that the chapter would in consequence sustain financial loss, and that the prospects for the future were not very encouraging. In view of this state of affairs, I determined to do all in my power to encourage the companions, and, if possible, put new life into the chapter. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. G. Jessop, having removed from Brampton to Owen Sound in September last, I arranged with Ex. Comps. W. H. McFadden, I. P. Z., and A. Morton, S. E., to visit them in October, which I did on the 9th. On this occasion, among the few present besides Ex. Comps. McFadden and Morton, were Ex. Comps. W. W. Woods, H., and W. T. Hastie, J. The quorum necessary for the opening of the chapter was made up by myself. I was cordially received, and, after the transaction of routine business, the chapter was closed, and at my suggestion the remainder of the evening was spent in an informal discussion of the situation. On going over the membership roll I found that of the 42 returned in May, 1893, several had left the jurisdiction, many were hopelessly in arrear for dues, and very few ever attended the convocations. Only 18 members were then resident in Brampton, and the non-residents—belonging to Georgetown and the neighboring country—had ceased to attend. It had become most difficult to obtain a quorum, or to collect dues. Still, in spite of these adverse circumstances, the result of our discussion seemed encouraging. The companions present expressed their willingness to continue the struggle, and several Past Principals offered to take office for the purpose of reviving the chapter. I came away believing that Tuscan Chapter would be placed on its feet again, when however, the time for elections came in December there was again no quorum, and no convocation could be held. This further discouragement appears to have killed all hope of revival that may have lingered in the breasts of the few faithful ones. I subsequently made repeated enquiries as to the possible outcome of any further attempts at resuscitation, and offered to confer with my companions again on the subject, but received no encouragement. No Convocation was held until May 29, when the chapter met for the purpose of winding up its affairs preparatory to the surrender of its

warrant. Twenty-six companions were granted dimitts, and three were suspended, the remaining thirteen retaining their membership, in order to make final arrangements and to hand over the warrant. Tuscan Chapter No. 95 will thus pass out of existence at an early date, after a career of six years only. It was for a time most prosperous and enjoyed the services of a number of excellent officers. First among whom was Rt. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett. Its impending demise is to me, as it must be to others, a source of great regret, but it is probably better that the chapter should pass out of existence at once rather than continue any longer what its staunchest friends evidently believe would be a painful and hopeless struggle for life.

Before closing this report I desire to express my gratitude to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and to Most Excellent Comp. T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., for their courteous and prompt attention to all my communications with them, and for their kind assistance and encouragement at various times. I am also deeply indebted to Rt. Ex. Comp. Ben Allen for his valuable services and ready counsel on many occasions; to V. E. Comps. G. F. Shepley and T. R. Bain for their fraternal support rendered in many ways; and to the First Principals and officers of the chapters which were entrusted with the work of instruction for their zealous and successful co-operation in that undertaking. When I add that I have heartily appreciated and shall ever remember the kindness I have experienced at the hands of all the chapters of the district, during my term of office, I do so in all sincerity, not merely for the purpose of making my praise indiscriminate. I hope that whatever unfavorable criticism I have felt called upon to pass, either on the occasions of my visits or in this report will not be misunderstood by those criticised, but will be taken rather as an earnest of my desire for their advancement and of my zeal for the welfare of this district and of Capitular Masonry in general.

In retiring from the position of Grand Superintendent of the Toronto district, I do so with a sense of relief from responsibility, but at the same time with great regret at parting officially from the happy and prosperous Masonic

family which has been under my care and supervision for twelve months past, and of which I have been justly proud.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Grand Supt. Toronto District.

Toronto, June 30th, 1894.

A.

RETURNS FOR YEAR 1893-4.

No	CHAPEERS.	Members May 31st, '93.	GAINS.			LOSSES.			TOTAL		NET		Members May 31st, '94	Petitions Accepted,
			Admis's'ns	Joinings	Restri'n's	Withd'n	Suspen'd	Deaths	Gains	Losses	Gains	Losses		
4	St. And. and St. John	96	18	1	0	9	1	1	19	2	17		113	19
8	King Solomon.....	136	32	4	1	1	0	5	37	6	31		161	8
60	Doric.....	28	8	5	0	0	0	0	13	0	13		41	11
62	York.....	45	2	0	0	1	3	0	2	4		2	43	1
65	St. Paul's.....	96	9	1	0	7	0	1	10	8	2		92	1
77	Occident.....	69	4	0	1	0	13	0	5	13		8	61	6
79	Orient.....	57	16	0	0	4	0	0	16	4	12		67	16
91	Antiquity.....	67	20	2	0	9	14	1	22	24		2	65	5
95	Tuscan.....	42	0	0	0	26	3	0	9	29		29	13	
		624	109	13	2	46	34	8	124	98	75	41	656	67

Net increase for the year—34.

B.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR TEN YEARS—1885-94.

No	CHAPTER	GAINS			LOSSES			TOTAL		NET		MEMBERS.		
		Admis's'ns	Joinings	Restri'n's	Withd'n	Suspen'd	Deaths	Gains	Losses	Gains	Losses	1884	1889	1894
4	St. And. and St. John	73	7	1	22	31	18	81	71	10		100	97	113
8	King Solomon.....	82	13	3	26	51	16	98	93	5		154	147	161
60	Doric.....	28	6	1	7	12	4	35	23	12		30	22	41
62	York.....	16	5	0	2	0	1	21	3	18		31	40	43
65	St. Paul's.....	84	16	0	35	10	5	100	50	50		43	83	92
77	Occident.....	36	4	2	20	28	4	42	52		10	71	73	61
79	Orient.....	50	4	5	34	36	7	59	77		18	80	52	67
91	Antiquity.....	100	12	0	40	28	4	112	72	40		14	49	65
95	Tuscan.....	39	14	0	30	3	2	53	35	18		36	13	
		508	81	12	216	199	61	601	476	153	28	523	598	656

Net increase for ten ears—125.

C.

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

No.	CHAPTER.	MEETINGS		AV. ATT with vis without	Dues per year	ARREARS OF DUES.					LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.	Value of Furn're	Insu'ce	Chapters of Instruction How Attended.	Future Prospects as reported to Grand Superint'nt.
		Regul'r	Emerg. Total.			1 Year.	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years						
4	St. Andrew & St. John	10	4 14	22 20	\$3	15	6	5	4	2	6	\$56 50	\$1264 25	\$1500 00	Fairly	Good.
8	King Solomon.....	14	5 17	30 27	3	7	4	0	0	0	3	830 00	150 00		Well	Very good.
60	Doric.....	8	0 8	13 12	3	4	3	3	5	8	12	75 20	495 75	None	Offic's only	Good condition.
62	York	9	1 10	12 11	3	8	5	2	0	1	5	95 00	385 25	150 00	Fairly	Very good.
65	St. Paul's	9	6 *15	22 17	4	11	2	3	0	0	3	801 81	45 90	None	Fairly well	Excellent.
77	Occident	12	0 12	16 13	3					1				150 00		Fair. ;
79	Orient	11	3 14	20 15	3	12	7	1	3	1	5	53 75	373 92		Fairly	Good.
91	Antiquity	9	9 18	24 20	3	0	0	0	0	0	10 mts	400 00	250 00	250 00	Fairly	Very bright.
95	Tuscan.....	1	1 2	13 12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	60 00	75 00	Sold		Wt, to be surren'd

*Not including special convocation—Chapter of Instruction.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

COMPANIONS,—I have the honor to submit the first report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district.

As the first Grand Superintendent of the Georgian District, I desire to express my thanks to the companions for the honor conferred upon me at the last session of Grand Chapter.

The legislation carried last July relating to the reduction of the fee for exaltation has been beneficial so far as it has been taken advantage of in this district as shewn by the large increase in members. The reduction has undoubtedly been to the advantage of Royal Arch Masonry and has greatly extended its usefulness. I may also add that the class of material "brought up from the quarries" has not deteriorated, and in many cases is an improvement on much of that "now used in the building."

My first official act was the appointment of Ex. Comp. George Monkman as District Secretary, who has performed the duties of that office to my entire satisfaction.

On the 20th of March last, in accordance with the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was with us, to the great satisfaction of the large number present, I held a Chapter of Instruction in Barrie which was well attended and must be of great benefit to the Royal Craft in this section.

Although I endeavored to get part of the work done by chapters outside of Barrie, I regret to say I failed and the work had to be exemplified by the companions of Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie, who have, as they have repeatedly done, placed me under a debt of gratitude for the able manner in which they performed the duty assigned them, and assisted me when the other chapters failed to take any part in the work.

Where all did so well it would be unfair for me to particularize. I need only say that the work was strictly in accordance with the established Ritual as is always the case in my mother chapter.

I proposed, when elected, to visit every chapter in the district and have done so with one exception—McPherson Chapter, Meaford. I had arranged several times to make my visit to that chapter, but was written to not to come as will appear more fully hereafter.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 103, North Bay—I visited this chapter on the 4th day of November, 1893. I was present at the opening of the chapter and saw all the degrees worked by Ex. Comp. Lovell. The work could be improved, although it is fair to say, through sickness in his family, the Ex. Comp. had not a fair opportunity to show what he could do. The Scribe E. has his books in excellent order.

MANITOU CHAPTER No. 27, Collingwood—On the 2nd day of February, 1894, I visited this chapter and installed the officers. There was no work done on the occasion of my visit. As this chapter has had quite a number of new members, I look forward to a keener interest being taken in Capitular Masonry in Collingwood than has been displayed for several years. The books are well kept.

SIGNET CHAPTER NO. 34, Barrie—I have attended nearly every meeting of this my mother chapter during the year. It has always been a live one, and during the year has added 21 members to the roll. The best and most influential Masons of the town of Barrie and surrounding neighborhood are on its roll of members. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on 9th January, 1894.

The work of all the degrees is fully exemplified and the chapter is in a very prosperous condition financially and otherwise. The cash is promptly deposited in a Bank by Scribe E. to the credit of and in the name of the chapter, and all payments are made by warrant drawn upon the Bank and signed by the First Principal, Scribe E. and Treasurer, a system that might be followed by other chapters with advantage. The books of the Treasurer and Scribe E. are models.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER No. 56, Owen Sound—My predecessor's report was not a very favorable one. I

visited the chapter on the 15th day of May, 1894, and found new life had begun, and from the officers elected on the occasion of my visit, with the new blood coming in, I look for good results.

Ex. Comp. Judge Creasor exemplified the Mark Master degree, and Ex. Comp. Dr. Cameron the Arch. Both companions are veterans in Masonry, and I am pleased to know that they retain their interest in the Royal Craft. The books are well kept.

MCPHERSON CHAPTER No. 86—This chapter meets at Meaford, and I have attempted to get a meeting on many occasions but failed. My last attempt was on 10th May, 1894. On the 8th May I received a letter, of which the following is a copy :

Dear Sir and Rt. Ex. Comp.—We cannot give you a meeting on the 10th of May as there is only five of us here. Dr. Parsons is away, John Matthews is away, A. Burritt is away, G. A. Paul is away, and a number of others, and I don't know when they will be back.

You can do as you like about coming up on the 10th, but it will be impossible to hold a meeting, there being so many away and the very ones we want here to do any of the work.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. HAMMILL, Z.

The membership is 20, and yet only four meetings have been held during the year and no work has been done. While I would regret to see a chapter bearing the name of our much esteemed companion, the late M. Ex. Comp. Henry McPherson, P. G. Z., removed from the list, I would suggest that unless an effort be made during the incoming year to improve matters, that the warrant be withdrawn or removed to a more suitable locality, and that the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and my successor keep a watchful eye over this chapter with a view of putting into operation my suggestion.

SPRY CHAPTER No. 92, Alliston—I visited this chapter on the 9th day of February, 1894, and installed the officers. I regret that the fair prospects referred to in the report of the Grand Supt. of the Toronto District of last year have not been realized, and there is very little hope of the chapter being successfully conducted at Alliston.

I have had only one or two notices of meeting, and

from what I hear I fear that the energy which we expected, and which we have a right to expect from those who take office upon themselves, has not been realized. I can only repeat what I have said with reference to McPherson Chapter, and with the same regret as to the honored name, that Spry Chapter be put upon probation during the ensuing year and in the same manner, and, if not more vigorously and efficiently conducted, the warrant be withdrawn or removed to some place where there is an active demand for a Royal Arch Chapter.

I am pleased to be able to report that on the 24th day of May, 1894, I had the honor, assisted by the M. Ex. the Grand Scribe E. and V. Ex. Comps. R. E. Fletcher, Geo. Monkman, Ex. Comps. Fraser, Hallett and Comp. Daniel W. B. Spry, to reorganize Grand River Chapter No. 70—the warrant having been removed from Waterloo to Bracebridge—with 17 members. The officers were elected and I duly installed them, and all the degrees were conferred in an able manner by the Barrie companions.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise, and if the same enthusiasm is continued by the companions, as was shewn at its re-organization, it should be one of the best chapters in the district. Bracebridge is a suitable place for a Royal Arch Chapter, and as the Masons of that town are earnest and zealous in the performance of their Masonic duties good results may be expected.

I hope to add a full summary to my report showing what has been done by each chapter, but at the date of writing, as Spry Chapter has not answered my repeated requests, I may not be able to accomplish my wishes.

I desire to point out that in my humble opinion much harm has been done to Capitular Masonry by the election to important positions of those who desire office for the sake of office ; many of these companions when they attain the object of their ambition do nothing themselves and prevent others doing what they have neglected, thus causing chapters to die of "dry rot." This should not be, and no one should be elected to the Council unless he has shewn by his past record that he can and will get up his work, and is desirous of promot-

ing the benefits of the Royal Craft and of extending its usefulness.

My thanks are due to the Most Ex. the Grand Z., to M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, P. G. Z., and to the M. Ex. the Grand Scribe E., for assistance and advice.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,

Grand Supt. Georgian District.

Barrie, Ont., 2nd July, 1894.

P. S.—With reference to Spry Chapter, matters are in a worse state than I expected. Scribe E. informs me that a meeting has not been held since I installed the officers in February last. No audit of the books has been made. The Grand Chapter returns have not been sent in, and he does not know whether there is any money on hand or not—he has none. Under such circumstances immediate action is necessary, and in my opinion the charter had better be withdrawn.

D. F. M.

Barrie, 7th July, 1894.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. G. R. C.	Members on Roll.	No. of Meetings.	Ave. Att.	New Members.	Members in arrears.	ASSETS.	Liabilities
Manitou ...	27	30	9	11	2	10	\$300	Nil.
Signet.....	34	61	12	12	21	8	500	"
Georgian...	56	36	9	10	4	26	218	"
MacPherson	86	20	4	10	None	None	350	\$12
Spry	92	22	1	11	"	10		Nil.
St. John ...	103	35	11	9	4	3	638	"
Grand River	70	17	1				150	

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report of the condition of Masonry in Ontario District for the year ending June 30th, 1894.

Comp. W. H. Smith, of Excelsior Chapter No. 45, has acted as District Secretary, and the manner in which he performed his duties deserves the thanks of myself and the companions throughout the district.

On accepting the position of District Supt. I found I had a very slight knowledge of the district and the standing of the chapters in it; but I have throughout the year received regularly the summonses issued for every meeting, and prompt replies to all communications sent the Scribes of their respective chapters. I can certainly speak in the very highest terms of the manner in which the books are kept, and the other work performed by the Scribe E. of each and every chapter where work was all done so well I could not make a single comparison or name any one of superior excellence, and I have visited every chapter in the district except Pentalpha No. 28, Oshawa. This chapter has not had a meeting during the year, but the Scribe E. reports to me that the prospects of the chapter are fair, there being a membership of 30—at the present time they have two or three new applications promised from good men. There are no arrearages whatever, a small balance in the Treasurer's hands, the debts owing by the chapter being very little, besides Grand Chapter dues for the past year. The furniture is insured for \$200.00.

KEYSTONE No. 35, Whitby—I visited this chapter on March 16, 1894. I cannot speak in too high terms of the manner in which the Principals and officers did their work. This chapter seems to be composed of the right stamp of men, men who spare no effort to render the beautiful work of Capitular Masonry in a most impressive manner. The financial standing of the chapter is good and prospects excellent. No arrearage for dues. Insurance \$200.00.

CORINTHIAN No. 36, Peterboro.—I visited this chapter March 20, 1894. The R. A. Degree was given, and the work was all that could be desired. I shall long remember my visit to Peterboro as the pleasantest of the year, indeed I have never met with a more fraternal greeting. This chapter has a most beautiful room, used exclusively for Capitular work. Its prospects are of the brightest, chapter having increased eleven during the year. Insurance \$600.00.

VICTORIA CHAPTER No. 37, Port Hope.—The Grand Z. was pleased to call a chapter of instruction in connection with this chapter, on May 11, 1894, and I made my official visit to the chapter at the same time. The Grand Z. being unable to attend in person, he was represented by the Grand H. Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, who was very enthusiastically welcomed by the large number of R. A. Masons present, and who interested them in his usual happy manner. The Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant was also present. Five of the chapters in the district were represented, besides Companions being present from Trenton and Belleville. The M. M. M. degree was conferred in the afternoon by the officers of Victoria Chapter No. 37. The work of this degree was very impressive. The M. E. M. was taken by the officers of Excelsior Chapter No. 45. The effect was very much spoiled by the haste that was necessary to enable the degree to be completed in the afternoon; but all were assured that the work was most carefully and accurately prepared. The R. A. degree was conferred by the officers of St. John's Chapter No. 48, a report of which is given in treating of that chapter.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER No. 45, Colborne.—As I am a member of this chapter, I have been present at nearly every meeting that has been held, but had to take more or less an active part in the work. The Z. is not yet able to do the work of all the degrees, as the chapter had been, prior to last November, very nearly dormant. The chapter has, however, placed itself this year in a position where future success is certain. The increase during the year has reached the large number of 28, all of whom have been exalted except six, and still there are several new petitions coming in. Nine of the members of this chapter withdrew during the year and started Warkworth Chapter (U. D.) The financial condition is A 1. There being about \$175 in the Treasury, and no debts outstanding; Grand Chapter dues all being paid to May 31st, 1894.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 48, Cobourg—This Chapter worked the R. A. degree at Chapter of Instruction in Port Hope on May 11th, 1894. The work was almost absolutely perfect, and St. John's Chapter have good rea-

son for believing that there are few chapters can equal them in their impressive rendering of this degree.

I also visited this chapter on June 15th. The prospects of the chapter seem good; however, as it was late in the season, the attendance was small. During the year there have been 15 meetings held, with an average attendance of 11. Insurance \$400.

MIDLAND CHAPTER No. 94, Lindsay— Was visited by me on March 15th, 1894. I consider a fine opening in Lindsay for the building up of a good strong chapter. I think the thing required, however, is for the several officers to make themselves thoroughly conversant with the work. I can easily see the difficulty the companions of this chapter have had to contend with in getting together enough to hold the meetings regularly.

The M. E. M. and R. A. degrees were conferred on the night of my visit, but I found I had to take the chair and do the work, much to my regret. The Z. assured me that they were making a strong effort to perfect themselves in the work, and I trust the report of this chapter next year will show a great improvement in that respect. The financial standing is very good, and as four applications for exaltation are now in hand, nothing is wanting but a little study and effort on the part of the officers to make this chapter one of the best in the district.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER (U. D.)—This chapter has only been in operation since Dec. 2nd, 1893. They started with 9 members, which has since been increased to 16, and they have besides three applications accepted who have not yet been marked. I attended every meeting of this chapter after organization, till I found the Principals and all the other officers throughout the Chapter doing their work without a single mistake, and certainly I have never visited any chapter who can more perfectly do their work notwithstanding the very short time they have been in operation. Much of this is due to the indefatigable exertions of their First Principal Ex. Comp. Israel Humphreys. The chapter has everything necessary to do the work all paid for, leaving the chapter owing only \$25. I strongly recommend the Grand Chapter to grant a warrant to this chapter at their annual communication this year.

I find in many of the chapters I have visited the custom prevails of pushing a candidate through two, three, or in some cases all the degrees at a single meeting ; also that when a number of brethren are ready for exaltation, the whole number will be put through at once, leaving the chapters in many cases with no more work for the year. I think if this practice were entirely discontinued we would find very much greater interest taken in the degrees, not only by the officers, but also by the brethren taking the same, and, in conclusion, I would recommend that not more than one degree be given to any candidate at the same meeting, and that not more than the usual team be allowed to be exalted at once.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 9 FROM MAY 31ST, 1893, TO MAY 31ST, 1894.

No. of Chapter.	NAME OF CHAPTER	MEMBERSHIP			DEGREES CONFERRED.				MEETINGS HELD.				Av. Attendance.	Mbs. 12m. in Ar.	Total Arrearages	Date of last Gd. Chap. Returns	Fin. Standing.	Prosps of Chap.	Can Z. work all Degrees?	Insurance.						
		No. of M'brs	In. dur'g yr.	D. dur'g yr.	M. M. M.	P. M.	M. E. M.	R. A.	Affiliation.	Restoration.	Resignation.	Susp'n N. P. D.									S'n, other causes	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent	Total	
28	Pentalpha ..	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1893	fair	fair	No	\$200	
35	Keystone ..	37	1	0	1	1	1	4						7	7	10	0	0	0	0	June, '93	good	good	Yes	200	
36	Corinthian .	56	11	3	9	8	8	8	2	0	3	0	0	0	10	5	15	15	4	\$16 65	May 31, '93	"	"	Yes	600	
37	Victoria	{ No return received.																								
45	Excelsior...	40	28	9	28	28	28	22	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	3	12	15	0	0		May 31, '94	"	"	No	200
48	St. John ...	30	5	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	15	11	0	0		May 31, '93	"	"	Yes	400
94	Midland....	25	1	7	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	6	0	1	6	0	6	9	6	\$49 00	May 31, '93	fair	"	No	150	
100	Warkworth	16	7	0	7	5	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7	11	0	0		June 6, '94	"	"	Yes	

All of which is fraternally submitted,

G. E. R. WILSON,
Grand Superintendent Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I beg to report as follows on the condition of Capitalar Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11 :

Of the four chapters composing this district, Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville, and Prince Edward No. 31, Picton, are active and prosperous chapters, and have largely increased their membership during the year.

I visited each of these chapters twice, and had the pleasure of seeing all the degrees conferred by the officers of both chapters.

The work was carefully done, and in such a manner as to be attractive and create enthusiasm among the companions, who greatly encouraged and stimulated their officers by a large attendance at chapter meetings.

I regret that I cannot speak so favorably of the other two chapters, viz., St. Marks No. 26, Trenton, and Mount Sinai No. 44, Napanee.

Being situated in small towns, and having a widely scattered membership, they find many difficulties not experienced by chapters in larger places.

I visited these chapters but found only a few companions in attendance. Considerable difficulty is experienced in getting a sufficient number out to officer these chapters for regular meetings. There are in each a few faithful, zealous companions, but they are poorly supported by the many.

The work of conferring degrees, which I saw, was not up to the mark. I do not think it could impress very favorably a candidate, or stir up any enthusiasm among the companions—in fact it had to be apologized for to the candidates by the officers in charge. This state of affairs need not and should not exist, for there are in connection with both these chapters companions who live near by and could, if they would only take up the work in earnest, make every meeting a success; but where only four or five of the regular officers attend—and not all of them have their work well got up—and offices have to be filled temporarily night after night by companions who have only a partial knowledge of the

work, it is very discouraging to the faithful few who deserve great praise for keeping up the amount of interest which does exist in these two chapters, and who have to apologize, not for themselves, but for their companions who fail to attend to duty.

A hopeful feature in connection with these chapters is the interest and enthusiasm manifested by most of the younger companions who have been placed in office and who will, I am led to believe, get up the new work in good shape and endeavor to make their chapters attractive—and then prosperity may be looked for.

I held a Chapter of Instruction at Picton on 6th of June at which over 70 companions were in attendance. We all regretted very much that the M. Ex. the Grand Z. could not get away from other duties to be present with us as he had intended doing. I saw the R. A. degree worked by the officers of Moira Chapter at Belleville on Tuesday night, and with 24 companions of that chapter proceeded to Picton on Wednesday to the Chapter of Instruction, which the officers and members generally of St. Mark's and Mount Sinai Chapters could not find it convenient to attend.

Ex. Comp. Henry Pringle, 1st Principal of Moira Chapter, with his staff of officers, gallantly came to my assistance, and besides working the M. M. M. degree allotted to them, went right on and worked the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees in the absence of those to whom they had been allotted. I think that action on their part deserves this special mention under the circumstances.

The work was done in about as nearly perfect a manner as is possible.

The officers of Prince Edward Chapter, Picton, worked the R. A. degree in the evening, and although the new ritual was not very cordially received by the older companions—who did not undertake to get it up—the younger officers, notably the Z., J. and P. S. had their work up fine and rendered it in a very instructive and impressive manner—especially was this noticeable in the work of P. S. These officers received well deserved praise from visiting companions from Kingston as well as from Moira Chapter officers and other companions.

The Convocation was a marked success in attend-

ance and interest, and also in getting the new ritual accepted and reasonably well worked by the chapters participating. It also gave proof of the very cordial fraternal feeling existing between the companions of Moira and Prince Edward Chapters.

A grand banquet given by the Picton companions appropriately and pleasantly closed the day's work at midnight.

In closing my second year's work, I desire to thank the officers and companions of the chapters for their many acts of kindness and courtesy to me.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. AYLSWORTH,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District.

Tamworth, 6th July, 1894.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I herewith beg leave to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Central District No. 12.

Royal Arch Masonry in this district is, on the whole, in a flourishing condition. In the larger centres this is more particularly the case, owing to the earnest efforts of many of our companions to extend this branch of Masonry in their respective localities.

I caused a Chapter of Instruction to be held here in April, at which all the degrees were conferred upon 28 brethren. Representatives from all the chapters in this district were present and witnessed the exemplification of the "work" according to the new ritual.

Four new chapters have been organized in this district during the year; one each at Morrisburg, Aultsville, Renfrew and Carleton Place. I have tried to get the best possible material available for each of these new bodies.

I have caused Pembroke Chapter to be removed to Mattawa and placed under the able management of Ex. Comp. R. A. Klock, whose principalship gives promise of good results.

Granite Chapter, Almonte, has taken a fresh start

and is doing good work and bids fair to be the equal of any chapter in this district. I am pleased to make note of this, for it was by no means prosperous until a comparatively recent date.

The chapters at Brockville and Kingston have been very active during the year and all doing their usual good work.

I would recommend that the rank of Past Z. be conferred upon certain companions of Pembroke Chapter, to be named by the Z. of that chapter, Ex. Comp. R. A. Klock.

Trouble has arisen in Dufferin Chapter, Carleton Place, which I have been unable to arrange so that the chapter might work in peace and harmony. I recommend, as the only solution of the difficulty, that the dispensation be withdrawn. I have laid all correspondence and papers before the Grand Z. and have given him all other information of which I am possessed relating to the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. BUTTERWORTH,
Grand Supt.. Central District.

ALGOMA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z. Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report of Algoma District No. 12.

There are three chapters in the district, viz., Shuniah No. 83 (Port Arthur), Golden No. 90 (Rat Portage) and Algonquin No. 102 (Sault Ste. Marie).

I visited Golden Chapter No. 90 on the 15th January, 1894, and had the pleasure of installing the officers. The chapter is in good condition and entirely free of debt, and the prospects are fair. The chapter has a good staff of officers, and with energy the chapter can be made a prosperous chapter.

I regret to say that through circumstances over which I had no control, I had not the opportunity of visiting Shuniah No. 83 and Algonquin No. 102, but from information that I received both these chapters are in first-class condition, and I know the officers who have occupied the

several chairs, and am satisfied that both these chapters are in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

The district is a large and extensive one, nearly 3000 miles in extent, and that is a reason that I had not the time to visit these chapters, and I trust that the companions will overlook my neglect in not visiting the chapters as I should have desired.

In conclusion I have to thank the companions for the kindness and courtesy extended to me while I have held the office of Grand Supt. of Algoma District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. T. FERGUSON,
Grand Supt. Algoma District.

Rat Portage, July 3rd, 1894.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the annual report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba District No. 14.

It is a matter of sincere regret to me that owing to a severe affliction during the period which I had allotted to chapter visitations, I was unable to officially visit all the chapters in my district.

After my recovery, business matters, delayed because of my illness, have prevented me from meeting the officers and companions as I would otherwise have done.

I am, however, pleased to report that on the whole Capitular Masonry in this district is in a good healthy state. Owing to stringency in financial circles the chapters have not added a very large number of members to their work, but they have been doing enough work to keep them in good working order.

ALBERTA CHAPTER No. 106, Calgary—I visited this chapter, Feb. 16th. There was no work owing to the candidates having been detained by storm at Fort McLeod; however, the officers of the chapter exemplified the R. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner. This chapter has the finest lodge room in the district, and although a very young chapter is in a very healthy condition. Meetings are held regularly, and the work done

would do credit to much older chapters. Great enthusiasm prevails among the officers, particularly among the originators. They have a full set of regalia, fully insured, are out of debt, and have a creditable balance on hand.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER No. 99, Portage la Prairie—I visited this chapter on May 2nd, and saw the subordinate degrees conferred in a very creditable manner, although few candidates have come forward during the last year. The officers have kept up their work well, and the finances are in good condition. They are out of debt and have a good balance on hand. This is my own chapter.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER No. 101, Boissevain—From communications received from this chapter I find that it has not increased in numbers very much, owing to financial depression existing during the past year, but it is holding its own and is in good condition.

ZEREDATH CHAPTER (U. D.), Morden, Man.— This chapter was instituted Feb. 6th, during my illness, by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. F. Forrest, and other companions from Prince Rupert's Chapter, who kindly consented to do the work. From reliable information, the officers have their work up well, and their prospects are very bright. I would recommend that a charter be granted to this chapter, knowing as I do the promoters, also the supply of material at hand. Morden is ranked as one of the best Masonic towns in this district, and but for the depression existing in financial circles, would have made a much better showing.

SIGNET CHAPTER No. 105, Winnipeg— Although this chapter is young, it has had a vigorous growth, and is in a position as regards numbers, efficiency of work and financial standing, to take a foremost place among older chapters. The prospects for this chapter are very bright.

PRINCE RUPERT'S CHAPTER No. 52, Winnipeg— This chapter is in a healthy state, financially and otherwise, with quite a few candidates ready for degrees. The officers are well up in their work, and the attendance at the regular convocations quite large. Although six candidates have been demitted and four been suspended N. P. D., the chapter has yet 173 members on its

roll. This chapter may be called the mother of all the chapters in this district. To this chapter may be attributed the honor of fostering and perpetuating R. A. Masonry, particularly in the Manitoba part of this district.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the companions of the district for their kindness and courtesy, and I trust that the harmony and good feeling at present existing may long continue.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRED. L. NEWMAN,

Grand Supt. Manitoba District.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In making my report as Superintendent of the British Columbia District, I must first thank you, M. Ex. Sir, for the honor you have done me in the appointment, and to regret that owing to sickness and other causes I have not been able to devote that attention to my duties as the office requires.

As we have only one chapter here, holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, viz., Vancouver No. 93, my report must necessarily be brief.

I have to record with regret the death of three of our most distinguished companions, viz. :

Ex. Comp. C. Z. Perry, First Principal.

“ “ C. J. Williams, Scribe E.

“ “ Rt. Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, Lord Bishop of New Westminster, Past First Principal.

These dear companions have been called to their reward, deeply lamented by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. They were bright Masons, and to their efforts are due much of the success and prosperity of our chapter in Vancouver.

Vancouver Royal Arch Chapter is in a prosperous condition and adding largely to its membership. The work is being well done by the Principals with the assistance of the subordinate officers, who take great interest in the work, and all being young and enthusiastic

Masons, I have no fear for the future prosperity of the chapter.

I have only just returned after an absence of six weeks up the country, where my duties called me on account of the freshets, hence my report is not as satisfactory, nor does it contain as much information about the condition of Masonry in the Province as I should like to have given you.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. DOWNING,

Supt. British Columbia District.

Vancouver, B. C., July 18th, 1894.

AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Australian District.

This district has made good headway during the past year amidst storms and tempests, both commercial and Masonic, yet through them all it has made such progress as to fairly realize the hopes entertained last year.

Like my predecessor, I have called the Principals, past and present, of the district together several times during my term of office in order that various matters pertaining to the welfare of the district might be discussed. At one of these meetings the question of trying to adjust constitutional differences between ourselves and the "Grand Chapter of Victoria" was brought forward and we again expressed the desire, as we always have done, of becoming united. After careful and mature consideration a committee of six was formed to meet a similar number from the aforesaid body who claims exclusive jurisdiction over this territory.

In reference to this body I might point out it was formed on March 21st, 1889 after the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, by companions belonging to chapters of the English and Irish Register. There was no convention of representatives of chapters called, and I believe no resolutions were carried in the English and Irish chapters. The Canadian chapters

were refused permission to participate in the movement, either as individual chapters or companions. Several of the companions beside myself presented ourselves at the anteroom on that occasion, stating that we were Canadians and asking permission to enter, but we were refused. I should also state that previous to the formation, the Canadian chapters sent a protest to the convenors and demanded their undoubted right to participate in the movement. They also asked an interview which was granted and the following were the only conditions which the promoters were willing to concede.

I.—*Resolved*, The Canadian chapters to be received by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria when formed.

II.—*Resolved*, That the Canadian companions be received by one or other of the chapters now forming a Supreme Grand Chapter in Victoria, and that they carry with them their Past Principal rank, and take part in the formation of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and that their application fees be not required.

N. B. It was agreed that the second clause be specially recommended.

The constitution which they have adopted are those of the Grand Chapter of England, with additions, as the following rules of their constitution will prove.

No companion of any subordinate chapter shall be eligible to be elected to a principal's chair who is not at the time of such election the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge under the constitution of Victoria, nor until he shall have served the office of Scribe, Sojourner or Assistant Sojourner of a private chapter for a year.

The Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria shall be First Grand Principal, if a Royal Arch Mason, the Deputy Grand Master if a Royal Arch Mason shall be appointed Second Grand Principal, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar of the Craft, if installed First Principals shall be appointed to the corresponding position in Grand Chapter. They claim jurisdiction over the Royal Arch Degree alone.

A conference was accordingly arranged in February last with six members of their committee of General Purposes.

Our representatives pointed out they were quite willing to amalgamate provided that the present rights and privileges of our companions should be recognized. These rights the other side did not seem at all disposed to concede. What they would acknowledge was the past and present rank of our Principals and would issue foundation warrants to our chapters and register the members free of charge.

A subsequent meeting of all the companions belonging to the different Canadian chapters was called, where the committee reported the result of their overtures. This meeting expressed their willingness to amalgamate with the Victorian body provided the present privileges of the companions were conserved.

In reference to the Mark Degree, which our constitution confers, I might state that there are eight Mark Lodges here under authority of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and three under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland (who have established a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge since 1890).

In order to show the relations of Mark and Royal Arch Masonry in this colony, I quote an extract as under, which was read at the last quarterly communication of the District Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales here.

Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen St.,

London, W. C., Jan. 11, 1894.

"The Grand Chapter of Canada is not recognized by this Grand Lodge and brethren advanced under that jurisdiction must not be admitted to our Lodges."

A copy of this was sent to the Lodges of the district.

I must thank Right Excellent Companion J. C. Kennedy, P. G. P. S. who has acted as District Scribe for the highly intelligent and painstaking manner in which he has discharged his duties.

AUSTRALIAN KILWINNING CHAPTER No. 96—meets at North Carleton. I was duly invested in this chapter as Grand Superintendent by my predecessor and

have visited it officially on other occasions. I was present at the installation on the 13 February, when the ceremony was ably performed by one of the P. Z.s, Excellent Companion E. H. Williams, M. D., assisted by Excellent Companion J. H. Leishman P. Z., 97. This chapter now meets on the second Tuesday in the month. No. of members on roll, 26; average attendance without visitors, 10; meetings since last return, 8. The Scribe E.'s and Treasurer's books are well kept. Cash is paid over to Treasurer who deposits funds in Bank in the names of Z. and himself. Dues, \$3; No. of companions in arrears over one year, 8; longest period any companion is in arrears, two years; assets, \$148.34; liabilities, \$59.08; value of furniture, \$480, for which it is insured. An inventory is kept. This chapter was represented at last Convocation by Most Excellent Companion D. Spry, proxy.

CITY OF MELBOURNE CHAPTER, No. 97.—This chapter meets at Abbotsford, Melbourne. I visited this chapter during my term. The new officers installed in November by Excellent Companion E. A. Colles P. Z. are all well chosen and good workers. This chapter meets on the third Thursday of alternate months. No. members, 70. Average attendance without visitors 50 per cent. No. of Convocations since last return, regular, 5; emergent, 1. Total degrees conferred, M. M. M. 1, P. M. 1, M. E. M. 1, R. A. 1. The Scribe E., Companion G. W. Elliott keeps his books in an excellent manner. The cash is paid over to the Treasurer who banks it to the credit of the chapter. Dues per year, \$2.52. Chapter rooms suitable. The chapter was not represented at the last annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

DUKE OF ALBANY CHAPTER No. 108—This chapter was regularly constituted and consecrated by the Rt. Ex. Comp. J. D. Drew, P. G. S., and myself on the 22nd Dec., 1893. The officers were installed by Ex. Comps. E. H. Williams, P. Z., assisted by Ex. Comp. J. H. Leishman, P. Z., two of the charter members. The members decided to meet at the Oddfellows' Hall, Melbourne, and I gave the necessary permission for them to do so. Their choice has been amply justified by results so far as since the formation 20 new members have been made,

these being mostly young, are enthusiastic and have quickly grasped the duties of the various offices. The Z., Ex. Comp. F. B. L. Gaffney, has thrown his whole energy into his chapter, and has infused a similar spirit among the companions. This chapter meets on the third Friday in the month. The number of members on the roll is 34; average attendance, without visitors, 15.

The Z. has conferred the various degrees on the candidates in a very creditable manner. Meetings since foundation—regular 5, emergent 1; total 6. Scribe E. and Treasurer's books well kept.

Funds are deposited in one of the leading banks in the name of the chapter. Dues per year \$3. Assets \$84.34; liabilities \$43.01.

The members have purchased the necessary furniture, which is not yet insured; I think that the present rate of progress augurs well for the future.

As regards the "Citizens" and "United Wimmera" warrants I have not been able to make much progress in forming them, although I have written on several occasions to the Principals designate.

The country town in which the latter is to be opened is at present in a very dull state, owing to the low price of wheat and the general depression, and as a consequence several intending members have left the district. The Z. designate of the former states he intends raising the warrant very shortly. Perhaps this lethargy may be explained by the strong opposition brought to bear by the other side and the intimidation which has been used and supported by a portion of the Masonic press of this colony as shown by the following extracts, which give the Victorian view of the question.

"We regret to learn that we are likely to have some unpleasantness over the granting of charters by a foreign jurisdiction to open R. A. Chapters in Victoria. We understand that some thoughtless companions have applied to the Grand Chapter of Canada for warrants to open two new chapters in this colony, and that the Grand Chapter of Canada has thoughtlessly granted them. It is a well recognized principle among masons that no warrants will be granted to open lodges or chapters in any territory where a Grand Lodge or Grand

Chapter already exists. This wholesome provision has, however, sometimes been violated, but never without causing much unpleasantness. All connection and intercourse is at once stopped with the jurisdiction which attempts such an invasion.

All the members under their jurisdiction are denied recognition in the territory they attempt to invade. It would be particularly unfortunate were the Grand Chapter of Canada to issue charters for a chapter in Victoria. It may be remembered that previous to the formation of a local Grand Chapter, chapters were opened under warrants from the Grand Chapter of Canada. These were not recognised by the other chapters of Victoria. After the formation of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, all differences were healed, and those working under the Canadian Grand Chapter which elected not to join the local Grand Chapter were allowed friendly intercourse. When they were established it was contended that as there was no Grand Chapter in Victoria, their formation was no invasion. This color of a reason does not now exist. There is not the shadow of an excuse for the establishment of a R. A. Chapter in Victoria under a foreign jurisdiction. It cannot possibly do any good. It will necessarily create great bitterness. It will be particularly hard on the members of the present Canadian chapters in this colony, who will be excluded from all chapters under the Grand Chapter of Victoria. Correspondence passed some time since between the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Victoria and the Grand Scribe of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the subject, and Comp. Lempriere received an assurance that no new charter would be issued from Canada. We hope the Grand Chapter of Canada will hesitate before it breaks this promise, and deprive the members of the chapters now working under their jurisdiction in this colony intercourse with their Victorian companions, more especially at the present time when such harmony exists, and a union is contemplated between those working under both constitutions. We hope those companions who have thoughtlessly applied for the warrant will not carry out their design which is bound to entail disastrous results.

For their attempt to open Royal Arch Chapters under warrants from a foreign jurisdiction, the members

of the Grand Chapter of Victoria are partly answerable. When the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was contemplated the lodges working under the unrecognised Grand Lodge of Victoria were asked to join the movement, without any restriction or reservation, coming in on the same terms as the lodges working under the English, Irish and Scottish constitutions. They heartily responded to the invitation. By their united efforts the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was established on a firm foundation. At that time there were some Royal Arch Chapters working under the Grand Chapter of Canada. These were not recognised by the other chapters. Still they were *actual de facto* working chapters, and when the members of the other chapters determined to form a Grand Chapter in Victoria, it would have been good taste and good policy to follow the action of the craft lodge and invite the chapters under the Grand Chapter of Canada to join them on perfectly equal terms. *This, however, they did not do.*

We understand when the question of the Canadian chapters joining the Grand Chapter of Victoria was afterwards mooted, that irksome conditions and restrictions were attached to their doing so which they declined to accede to. So the matter has remained in a sort of abeyance, the members holding friendly intercourse with each other, but approaching no nearer to an amalgamation.

The attempt to form additional chapters under the Canadian constitution will certainly bring matters to a crisis, and either cause a disruption of the friendly intercourse now existing or lead to amalgamation. The formation of chapters under a foreign jurisdiction, now that we have a properly constituted and universally recognized Grand Chapter of our own, cannot for a moment be tolerated. There is, however, nothing to prevent the Grand Chapter of Victoria following the example of the craft lodges and receiving the chapters previously in existence on terms of equality. It could well do so without the slightest loss of dignity. By doing so it would show a true fraternal feeling, and take away any shadow of excuse for the continuation of chapters under a foreign jurisdiction. By the fusion of the present chapters working under the Canadian constitution into the Grand

Chapter of Victoria, much bitterness and heartburning could be avoided, which, if opened afresh will take a very long time to heal, and must of necessity be unpleasant and unprofitable to all parties concerned.”—(Australasian Keystone, November, 1893.)

“We are pleased to learn that it may not be necessary to carry into effect the resolution passed at the convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria refusing recognition to companions belonging to the Grand Chapter of Canada in consequence of that body granting charters for the opening of chapters in Victoria. A conference was held under the presidency of M. E. Companion, R. O. Thompsom, 3rd Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, and adjourned to allow certain propositions to be laid before the chapters under the Canadian constitution. We understand the members of the Grand Chapter of Victoria are willing to admit all the companions under the Grand Chapter of Canada on equal terms with themselves, but will not altar their constitution to suit the views of their Canadian made companions. This is as far as the Victorian Royal Arch Masons can be expected to go, and their Canadian companions cannot reasonably expect any special concessions. We trust while there is yet time that the companions under the Canadian constitution will return their warrants and join the Victorian constitution, which they can now do without loss of dignity. Should they decline the olive branch now held out, such favorable terms may not be again obtainable. *If the United Grand Lodge of Victoria once deals with the question, complications will arise which will not be so easily adjusted.*”—“Australasian Keystone,” March 1894.

The following is extracted from the report of the Committee of G. P. of the Grand Chapter of Victoria: “It having been brought under the notice of the Committee that the Grand Chapter of Canada had granted charters to open new chapters in Victoria although the First Grand Principal of that constitution had promised (through the G. Scribe E., as conveyed in a communication dated April 9th, 1892, which was read in Grand Chapter on July 25th, 1892) not to issue any fresh charter, the Committee now beg to report that a chapter, under the Canadian constitution, was opened at North

Carlton on the 22nd ult., thus violating Masonic usage, by granting a charter to open a chapter in a country professing a Supreme Grand Chapter of its own. The Committee therefore recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria cease all fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and refuse to recognise companions belonging to chapters under that jurisdiction. The Committee also recommend that the attention of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria be drawn to the invasion of this territory by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and to the fact that a number of brethren holding under the Grand Lodge are co-operating with the Canadian Chapters in such invasion." (Vide printed report 22nd January, 1894).

Not having been permitted to take part in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Victoria and the adoption of its present constitution, we consider, that for the sake of unity and concord, the *amende honorable* should be now made. This can be done by making such alterations in their constitutions as will conserve our present privileges. We will then throw in our lot with them and thus establish their legality undoubtedly. Royal Arch Masonry, which at present is only represented in the country towns by three chapters, will speedily extend throughout the country districts and its present languishing condition will pass away to return no more. There are at present 172 Craft Lodges (93 country and 79 city and suburban) in the Colony. The Royal Arch Chapters are 19 in number, only 3 of which are held in country towns (one of these being in abeyance and the other two almost moribund). There are about 10,000 Master Masons, and at the most only 1800 Royal Arch Masons in this colony. We thank our companions in the land of the Maple and the Beaver for their support and sympathy, and hope that the present state of Royal Arch Masonry in this district will soon change and the Masonic horizon be once more clear. I hope this report will give Grand Chapter an unbiassed account of Royal Arch Masonry in this territory.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH M. D'AMER DREW,
Grand Supt.. Australian District.

91 Park St. West, South Melbourne, June 8, 1894.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF VERMONT

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont was held in the city of Burlington. on Friday June 15th last. Grand High Priest Myron J. Horton presiding. All of the other Masonic bodies had previously held their annual meetings the same week, the principal event of which was the celebration of the centennial of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday 13. The programme included a procession to the Opera House, addresses, poems and musical selections there, and a banquet at the Van Ness House in the evening, and was very successfully carried out. While the Grand Chapter as a body had no part in the celebration, it was very noticeably represented on the occasion, Past G. H. P. Perkins as M. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery being at the head of the Templar escort, Past G. H. P. Wing responding to the Mayor's address of welcome, Past G. H. P. Haskins delivering the principal address at the Opera House and Past G. H. P. Hall officiating as Toast Master at the banquet.

At the Annual Convocation the Grand High Priest, in an excellent address, paid tribute to the memory of our twenty-seven Companions who had fallen by the wayside during the year and made several very sensible recommendations. Capitular Masonry is still in a healthy condition in Vermont, as is evinced by the returns made to the Grand Secretary which show a total membership of 2681 and a considerable increase in the funds in the treasury. The sentiment of the Grand Chapter seemed to favor a liberal subscription to the Masonic Temple fund, and the outlook for a home for the fraternity within our borders is very encouraging. Harmony prevailed throughout the meeting and the Grand

High Priest was unanimously re-elected, as was also Grand Secretary Warren G. Reynolds.

The Companions here await with interest and no little apprehension the result of your new departnre in reducing the minimum fee for the degrees to ten dollars. While it would be a very doubtful experiment in our jurisdiction, I trust that you may have no reason to regret it in yours, and that new vigor will be infused into some of your dormant chapters and a consequent revival of interest in our mysteries manifested.

With fraternal greetings to the officers and members of your Grand Chapter when assembled, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. WHITCOMB,
Grand Representative near Vermont.

CASH STATEMENTS.

M. E. Comp.T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., submitted his annual cash statement of moneys received during the year, together with the books, etc., and the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements with vouchers attached.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the M. E. Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Canada :

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION,—I beg to present to Grand Chapter my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, being the returns of Subordinate Chapters to 30th June, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

		1893.	
Certificates.....	\$ 744 00	Sept. 1, Pd. G. Treas..	\$200 00
Dues.....	709 50	" 30, " "	.. 33 75
Fees	519 80	Nov. 27, " "	.. 101 25
Dispensations	306 00	" 27, " "	.. 37 61
Warrants	170 00	Dec. 30, " "	.. 71 25
Constitutions.....	51 30	1894.	
Ceremonies	313 26	May 31, " "	.. 28 40
L. B. & L. Co. interest.	467 50	June 20, " "	..1100 00
Western Can. L. Co...	202 50	" 30, " "	.. 200 00
Toronto General Trusts	142 50	" 30, " "	.. 33 75
Interest on Deposits...	66 01	" 30, " "	.. 101 25
		July 12, " "	..1100 00
		" 12, " "	.. 71 25
		" 13, " "	.. 418 86
		" 13, " "	.. 120 00
		" 14, " "	.. 75 00
	\$3692 37		\$3692 37

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 30TH JUNE, 1894.

T. SARGANT, G. S. E., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND CHAPTER

No. 1—An. Frontenac & Cataraqui....\$ 21 60	Brought forward \$1415 20
" 2—The Hiram..... 3 00	" 66—Malloch 11 40
" 3—St. John..... 67 40	" 67—Enterprise..... 25 00
" 4—S. An. & S. John 74 10	" 71—Pr. of Wales.. 6 00
" 5—St. George..... 34 80	" 73—Erie..... 5 20
" 6—St. John's..... 69 80	" 75—St. Clair..... 4 00
" 7—Moir..... 36 60	" 76—Mt. Nebo..... 13 40
" 8—King Solomon. 130 20	" 77—Occident 27 20
" 15—Wawanosh..... 8 30	" 79—Orient..... 82 40
" 16—Carleton 44 50	" 80—Ark..... 4 00
" 18—Woodstock..... 45 60	" 81—Aylmer 43 50
" 19—Mount Moriah 29 40	" 82—Shuniah..... 51 00
" 20—Mount Horeb.. 5 00	" 83—Ionic..... 30 80
" 22—Grenville..... 20 60	" 84—Lebanon 22 10
" 23—Ezra..... 20 80	" 85—Exeter 19 20
" 24—Tecumseh 64 00	" 87—Macnabb..... 15 00
" 26—St. Mark's..... 4 00	" 90—Golden..... 5 00
" 27—Manitou..... 16 00	" 91—Antiquity 87 50
" 29—McCallum..... 27 60	" 92—Spry..... 5 00
" 30—Huron 4 00	" 94—Midland..... 8 00
" 31—Point Edward 73 25	" 95—Tuscan..... 10 40
" 32—Waterloo..... 100 30	" 99—Keystone..... 35 80
" 33—Signet..... 6 40	" 100—St. Lawrence. 53 20
" 35—Keystone..... 16 40	" 101—Corinthian... 5 00
" 36—Corinthian 23 20	" 102—Algonquin.... 30 00
" 37—Victoria 42 50	" 103—St. John's.... 1 00
" 38—Seymour 44 40	" 104—White Oak.... 46 00
" 40—Guelph..... 4 80	" 105—Signet..... 36 20
" 44—Mount Sinai... 33 40	" 106—Alberta 13 60
" 45—Excelsior 101 00	" 107—Citizens..... 51 26
" 47—Wellington.... 20 40	" 108—D. of Albany.. 60 10
" 48—St. John's..... 23 00	" 109—United Wimera 60 10
" 52—Prince Rupert's 60 10	" -Warkwood.... 53 00
" 53—Bruce..... 13 40	U. D. Zeredatha..... 50 40
" 54—Palestine 44 05	U. D. St. John's..... 55 90
" 56—Georgian..... 12 00	U. D. Covenant 40 00
" 57—King Hiram... 4 00	U. D. Dufferin..... 44 00
" 59—Sussex 13 40	U. D. Bonnechere.... 44 00
" 61—Granite 27 60	U. D. Brant..... 44 00
" 62—York 12 60	Ceremonies..... 54 26
" 63—Havelock 12 00	Bank Montreal Deposits 66 01
" 64—Wilson..... 13 00	Western Canada Co.... 202 50
" 65—St. Paul's..... 86 70	Toronto General Trust 142 50
	Landed Bank'g & Loan 467 50
\$1415 20	\$3692 37

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Chapter,
I issued the following Warrants: Alberta No. 106, Cal-

gary, N. W. T. ; Citizens No 107, Australia ; Duke of Albany No. 108, Australia ; United Winnemara No. 109, Australia.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. E. Grand Z. issued the following dispensations for new Chapters :

Warkworth, at Warkworth.
 Zeredatha, at Morden, Man.
 St. Johns at Morrisburg.
 Covenant, at Farran's Point.
 Dufferin, at Carleton Place.
 Bonnecher, at Renfrew.
 Brant, at Paris.

REVIVAL AND REMOVAL OF WARRANTS.

The M. E. Grand Z., in compliance with a request of the necessary number of Companions of the respective dormant and weak Chapters, authorized their removal or revival as follows :

Seymour Chapter No 38, Bradford, to Shelburne.
 Grand River No. 70, Berlin, to Bracebridge.
 Tuscan No. 95, Brampton, to Sudbury.
 St. James No. 46 has been revived.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Companions, upon the recommendation of the M. E. the Grand Z., have been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Canada :

R. E. Comp. J. McLean Stevenson, of Barrie, for the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. E. Comp. D. Spry.

R. E. Comp. J. A. Morton, of Kincardine, for the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. E. Comp. H. Robertson.

R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich, for the Grand Chapter of Arizona—new appointment.

R. E. Comp. Geo. Waugh, Stratford, for the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

R. E. Comp. J. Moodie, Hamilton, for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

R. E. Comp. G. G. Rowe, Parkdale, for the Grand Chapter of Montana.

R. E. Comp. B. Allen, Toronto, for the Grand Chapter of Maine, in place R. E. Comp. J. A. Wills, deceased.

R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto, for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll, for the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, in place of R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves, deceased.

R. E. Comp. J. Baker, Stratford, for the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

R. E. Comp. Jas. Reynolds, Brockville, for the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

E. Comp. Jas. Sutherland, Woodstock, for the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

On the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of the respective Grand Chapters, the following appointments have been made by the M. E. Grand Z. as our representatives :

R. E. Comp. Erwin Ellis, St. Louis, near the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

R. E. Comp. C. H. Patton, Mt. Vernon, near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

R. E. Comp. W. T. Whitmarsh, Kearney, near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

R. E. Comp. P. W. Rowland, Coffeetown, near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

R. E. Comp. John M. Ormsby, Tucson, near the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

REVISION OF CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

The M. E. the Grand Z. has examined and approved of the following By-laws :

Oct. 30, 1893—Alberta Chapter No. 106, Calgary.

“ 30, “ —Lebanon Chapter No. 84, Wingham.

“ 30, “ —St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto

Mar. 31, 1894—The Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton.

The M. E. Grand Z. has examined, revised and approved of amendments to the By-laws of the following Chapters :

Aug. 16—King Solomon No. 8, Toronto.

“ 16—Orient No. 79 Toronto.

“ 16—St. Lawrence No. 100, Brockville.

- Oct. 14—Waterloo No. 32, Galt.
 “ 15—Prince Edward No. 31, Picton.
 “ 31—Signet No. 34, Barrie.
 Nov. 8—Enterprise No. 67, Harriston.
 “ 8—Tecumseh No. 24, Stratford.
 “ 17—Corinthian, No. 36, Peterboro.
 “ 17—St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.
 “ 28—Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto.
 “ 28—Vancouver No. 98, Vancouver.
 “ 29—Occident No. 77, Toronto.
 1894.
 Feb. 7—Sussex No. 59, Brockville.
 Jan. 18—White Oak No. 104, Oakville.
 “ 24—St. John No. 103, North Bay.
 Feb. 5—Algonquin No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.
 “ 5—Manitou No. 27, Collingwood.
 Mar. 10—Victoria No. 39, Port Hope.
 “ 14—Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford.
 April 27—St. George, No. 5, London.
 “ 29—St. John, No. 3, London.
 May 19—St. Paul, No. 65, Toronto.
 “ 23—Vancouver No. 98, Vancouver.
 June 23—York No. 62, Eglington.
 July 9—Wawanosh No. 15, Sarnia.

DISPENSATIONS.

By instruction of the M. E. the Grand Z., I have issued the following dispensations :

- 3 to elect officers at other than the regular meeting.
- 11 to install officers at a special meeting.
- 1 to make a serving companion.
- 4 to install as Z, not having served as H.
- 5 to install as H, not having served as J.
- 4 to attend Divine service.
- 1 to attend a ball in R. A. clothing.

OBITUARY.

Obituary notifications have reached me during the year of the decease of the following Companions in sister jurisdictions :

M. E. Comp. Wm. P. Innes, G. Sec. and P.G.H.P.,
 Grand Chapter of Michigan, 2nd Aug., 1893.

M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, 29th July, 1893.

R. E. Comp. Chas. A. Bragg, G. Treas. Grand Chapter of Nevada, 16th August, 1893.

M. E. Comp. A. R. Hale, G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, 7th October, 1893.

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R. E. Comp. John E. Bennett, G. Scribe, Grand Chapter of South Dakota, 31st December, 1893.

Comp. Geo. Lampman, G. C. of H., Grand Chapter of North Carolina, 29th January, 1894.

M. E. Comp. T. N. Robertson, G. H. P., Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, 25th April, 1894.

M. E. Comp. John W. Hughes, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Tennessee, 19th April, 1894.

The receipt of which were duly acknowledged by me, conveying the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Canada to our sister jurisdictions.

REMOVING AND OPENING CHAPTERS.

By direction of the M. E. the Grand Z., I have either personally or accompanying the M. E. Grand Z performed the following Capitular work:

On 22nd and 23rd March the removed charter of Seymour Chapter No. 38, Bradford, to Shelburne ; officers were installed ; 25 candidates exalted. I was assisted by the Grand Superintendent and other Companions.

The 3rd April I installed the officers of St. John's Chapter, U. D., Morrisburg, and conferred the degrees upon a number of candidates

The 19th April, with the M. E. Grand Z., opened Covenant Chapter, U. D., Farran's Point, and installed the officers, conferring the degrees upon 14 candidates.

The 20th April, with the M. E. Grand Z., I assisted in conferring the degrees on 26 candidates, part being for a new chapter—Dufferin at Carlton Place, and a large number for Bonnechere at Renfrew.

The 24th May I assisted the G. Superintendent of the Georgian District, with a number of Companions from Barrie, in removing Grand River Chapter No. 70, formerly Berlin, to Bracebridge ; 17 members and a large list of applicants.

The 1st of July I completed the removal of Tuscan R. A. Chapter No. 95, formerly meeting at Brampton, to Sudbury. The Companions at Brampton desiring to surrender, I arranged for said removal. They have 25 applicants.

On 5th July at Brant Chapter, Paris, I assisted the M. E. the Grand Z. and a number of Companions from Stratford, in conferring the R. Arch degree upon 15 candidates.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

I have also been present at the following Chapters of Instruction: Toronto, Woodstock, Port Hope, Ottawa and Galt.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. SARGANT, G. S. E.

TORONTO, 14th July, 1894.

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

1893

Dr.

July 14.	To balance as per statement at this date.	\$3004 10
Nov. 27.	" Grand Scribe E.	335 00
30.	" " " interest on Bank account...	37 61
1894		
Feb. 5.	" " "	71 25
May 31.	" " " interest on Bank account...	28 40
June 30.	" " "	1435 00
July 12.	" " "	1171 25
	" " "	538 86
	" " "	75 00

\$6696 47

1893

Cr.

Aug. 31.	By Order	586, G. S. E., advance on incidentals.	\$ 50 00
"	"	604, " Cablegram to Australia.	11 50
"	"	590, Hunter, Rose & Co., printing....	31 65
"	"	585, M. E. Comp. Harding, exp. '92-3.	60 00
"	"	587, Comp. J. Sweetman, Tyler's fee.	5 00
"	"	588, C. W. Mitchell, printing.....	18 00
"	"	602, Comp. John Munro.....	20 00
"	"	589, M.E.Comp.H.Robertson, For. Cor	50 00
"	"	594, Mrs. Samuel Waltho.....	15 00
"	"	599, Mrs. W. B. Wallace.....	15 00
"	"	593, Mrs. J. G. Burns.....	15 00
"	"	597, Mother of Daniel McLeod.....	10 00
"	"	600, Mrs. F. Bartlett.....	10 00
"	"	601, Mrs. John Vaux.....	10 00
"	"	598, Mrs. Robert Ramsay.....	15 00
"	"	595, Comp. Archd. Couper.....	25 00
"	"	603, Mrs. T. D. Harington.....	20 00
"	"	592, Mrs. John Munro.....	5 00
"	"	591, Mrs. S. H. Blondheim.....	15 00
Sept. 30.	"	605, Hunter, Rose & Co., proceedings	156 65
"	"	606, Rolph Smith & Co., certificates..	30 00
Oct. 2.	"	607, Grand Scribe E., salary.....	175 00
"	"	584, Grand Treasurer, salary.....	12 50
Dec. 28.	"	608, Grand Treasurer, salary.....	12 50
"	"	610, Grand Scribe E., salary.....	175 00
1894			
Jan. 31.	"	611, D. Henderson, engrossing.....	16 00
"	"	622, Comp. John Munro.....	20 00
"	"	612, Widow of John Munro.....	5 00
"	"	622, Hunter, Rose & Co., Printing....	359 50
"	"	614, Mrs. S. Waltho.....	15 00
"	"	619, Mrs. W. B. Wallace.....	15 00
"	"	615, Comp. Arch'd Couper.....	25 00
"	"	617, Mother of D. McLeod.....	10 00
"	"	620, Mrs. F. Bartlett.....	10 00
"	"	621, Mrs. John Vaux.....	10 00
"	"	618, Mrs. Robt. Ramsay.....	15 00
"	"	623, Mrs. T. D. Harington.....	20 00
Feb. 28	"	611, Mrs. S. H. Blondheim.....	15 00
"	"	609, Grand Treasurer's Salary.....	12 50
Mar. 31	"	613, Mrs. J. G. Burns.....	15 00
"	"	616, Orphans of Comp. McPhail.....	20 00
April 30	"	623, Grand Scribe E. salary.....	175 00
"	"	626, Grand Treasurer's salary.....	12 50
June 30	"	627, Grand Treasurer's salary.....	12 50
"	"	628, Grand Scribe E.'s salary.....	175 00
"	"	629, Expenses instituting chapters...	67 00

\$1,987 80

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AT 14 JULY, 1894.		
Debenture Western Canada Loan & Savings Co. at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	\$1,500	00
“ Landed Banking & Loan Co. at 5%	8,000	00
“ “ “ “ at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	1,500	00
Bond, Toronto General Trust Co., at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$	3,000	00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	4,708	67
	\$21,708 67	

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

HAMILTON, 14TH JULY, 1894.

We hereby certify that the above named debentures and bonds are in the custody of this Bank for safe keeping on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, and that the balance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, on the books of the Bank, at the close of business at this date is four thousand, seven hundred and eight dollars. (\$4,708.00)

WM. ROBERTS, *Manager*.W. REID, JR., *Accountant*.

Bonds and Debentures..\$17,000 00

Cash..... 4,708 67

21,708 67

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved, That the annual statement of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and report thereon at the present Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the committee, which on motion of R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Letters of regret were read from M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Menet, P. G. Z.; and R. Ex. Comp. J. K. Kerr, P. G. H., expressive of their regret at not being able to attend this Convocation of Grand Chapter, and with best wishes for its prosperity and welfare.

Letter was read from R. E. Comp. G. E. R. Wilson, G. S., Ontario District, regretting his inability to be present at this Convocation owing to the recent death of his beloved wife. Grand Chapter directed the G. Scribe E. to convey their sympathy to the R. Ex. Comp. in his affliction.

Official letters were received and read announcing the deaths of the following Companions belonging to sister jurisdictions.

M. E. Comp. Wm. P. Innes, G. Sec. and P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Michigan, 2nd Aug., 1893.

M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, 29th July, 1893.

R. E. Comp. Chas. A. Bragg, G. Treas., Grand Chapter of Nevada, 16th August, 1893.

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M. E. Comp. John W. Hughes, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Tennessee, 19th April, 1894.

The following Companions presented their credentials as Representatives:

R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Morton, for the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Humber for the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

R. Ex. Comp. J. Moodie for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

R. Ex. Comp. B. Allen for the Grand Chapter of Maine.

R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh for the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Which the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept, and the R. Ex. Comps. were received with Masonic honors.

The Grand Scribe E. then read a report from Ex. Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved, That the report read from our Grand Representative be received and printed in full in our proceedings following the reports of the Grand Superintendants of Districts.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer to the 30th June, 1894, and find them correct in every particular. The receipts and disbursements are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year.....	\$3004 10
Certificates	744 00
Dues.....	709 50
Fees.....	519 80
Dispensations	306 00
Warrants.....	170 00
Constitutions	51 30
Ceremonies	313 26
Landed Banking & Loan Co'y interest.....	467 50
Western Canada Loan Co. ".....	202 50
Toronto General Trusts ".....	142 50
Interest on deposits	68 01
	\$6 696 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants for benevolence.....	\$ 370 00
Salary Grand Scribe E.....	700 00
" " Treasurer.....	62 50
Expenses Grand Z.....	60 00
Incidentals Grand Scribe E.	50 00
Cablegram "Australia".....	11 50
Hunter, Rose & Co. Sundry Printing.....	31 65
Comp. J. Sweetman, Tyler	5 00
C. W. Mitchell, Ottawa, Printing	18 00
Henry Robertson, Foreign Correspondence	50 00
Hunter, Rose & Co., Proceedings.....	156 65
Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates.....	30 00
D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants	16 00
Hunter, Rose & Co., Ceremonies	359 50
Expenses Instituting Chapters.....	67 00
	\$1987 80
Balance on hand	4708 67
	\$6,696 47

ASSETS.

Debentures, W. Can. Loan & Saving Co. Toronto, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	\$4500 00
“ Landed Banking & Loan Co., Hamilton, at 5%	8000 00
“ “ “ “ Hamilton, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	1500 00
Bond, Toronto General Trusts Co., Toronto, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	3000 00
Cash deposits, Canadian Bank of Commerce	4708 67
Total Assets.....	\$21,708 67

LIABILITIES.

Foreign Correspondence	\$ 50 00
Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates.....	60 00
Lodge Warrants, Copp, Clark & Co.,	27 50
Hunter, Rose & Co., Sundry Printing	29 25
Grand Scribe E., Balance Incidentals.....	11 27
“ “ “ Advance.....	75 00
Expenses Grand Z.....	149 60
Total Liabilities.....	\$102 62

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Chapter make further investment of the sum of three thousand dollars.

Would further advise that the beneficiary grants be in every instance endorsed by the party to whom such is made payable.

Your committee are pleased to congratulate Grand Chapter upon the successful showing of the finance, as the balance in hand shows an increase of about \$1700 over the last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. SHAW,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Committee to whom is delegated the duty of reviewing the reports of the work of the General Superintendents of the fourteen Districts of this Grand Chapter,

beg to present the following report upon the work of the past year.

The reports of all the Grand Superintendents, with the exception of that from British Columbia, have been read and duly considered. The one from British Columbia has no doubt been delayed by reason of the illness of the Grand Superintendent. It is to be regretted that we are without this report, as your Committee would have liked to have heard of how our work in that district is progressing.

From the above reports your Committee are pleased to be able to congratulate Grand Chapter upon the prosperity and success which has been vouchsafed to Capitular Masonry during the past year.

Your Committee feels that the principal cause of the success that has been attained is due in a large measure to the power given at the last meeting of Grand Chapter to the subordinate chapters to reduce the fee for degrees from \$20 to \$10. A large number of the chapters have made the change, and it has resulted in a large increase of members to our ranks.

Your Committee also recognizes that the interest which has been evinced by our able, energetic and painstaking Grand Z. in visiting the different parts of our jurisdiction, and the instructive addresses and wise counsels imparted by him to the many members of our body with whom he came in contact during his visits, have stimulated officers and members alike to increased activity in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

While the reports of the various Superintendents contain much valuable information respecting the account of the visits to the various chapters in their respective districts, they all, with a few exceptions, have dealt in generalities, and have been deficient in many details as to the financial standing, outstanding dues, insurance, amount of work done in the chapters and by the various officers—all of which is necessary to allow your Committee to report on state and condition of chapters in an intelligent and as full a manner as will enable the members of Grand Chapter to judge of the true condition of affairs.

The exceptions above referred to are the reports

from Hamilton, Huron, Toronto, Ontario and Georgian Districts. The report of the Superintendent of the St. Clair District shows that every chapter has been visited, and where he found the work was not being done in accordance with the ritual of this Grand Body he seems to have taken steps to have the matter corrected. He says: "Speaking generally of the prospects of Capitular Masonry in the District, I would say they are bright. I think the Craft has entered an era of prosperity."

The report from the London District is noted for its brevity, and we cannot tell whether the Grand Superintendent visited the chapters or not. The information given could more easily have been obtained by correspondence than by a personal visit. The chapters, however, with two exceptions, appear to him to be prosperous and in good condition.

The reports from Wilson, Wellington, Prince Edward, Central and Manitoba Districts, while they give a full and interesting account of the visits paid to the chapters in the various districts, are sadly lacking in detail.

The report from the Hamilton District is a well prepared review of the work done and contains much valuable information respecting the financial position of the chapters in the district.

The report from Huron District is a carefully prepared document and deals fully with the various matters with which the Grand Superintendent had to deal.

The report from the Toronto District is a most comprehensive one and contains much valuable information, and shows the writer to be possessed of an intimate knowledge of the duties of his office, which he discharged in a most efficient manner. It is full of valuable details and statistics.

The report from Georgian District is an excellent report and shows, with two exceptions, that the chapters are doing good work. The Committee joins with the Grand Superintendent in commending Macpherson Chapter No. 86 to the watchful care of his successor, and also that the warrant of Spry Chapter No. 62 be withdrawn or removed to a more congenial sphere.

The report from Ontario District shows the chapters to be in a fairly prosperous condition, viz., that of

Pentalpha No. 28, it is to be hoped that his expectations for its future success may be realized. His recommendation that only one degree should be conferred at one meeting is worthy of consideration.

The report from Algoma District shows that only one chapter was visited. It is in good condition, and from information furnished to the Grand Superintendent of the other two chapters they may be said to be holding their own. It is to be regretted that he was unable to visit these chapters. He says the district is such an extensive one it is almost impossible to get over the ground without losing much valuable time from one's business.

From Manitoba comes encouraging words. The chapters have more than held their own, and but for the financial depression which has existed in the Northwest for some time past the increase in membership would have been much greater.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

It is gratifying to note that during the year Chapters of Instruction have been held in the following districts, viz., St. Clair. Wilson, 2 in Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, 3 in Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward and Central. This is a great improvement on former years, and it is hoped that not only will the district keep up the good work they have commenced, but that soon every District Superintendent will feel it incumbent upon him to have a Chapter of Instruction. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. honored most of the said gatherings with his presence, whereby he was enabled to see for himself how the work was being done in the different parts of his jurisdiction.

NEW CHAPTERS.

We note with pleasure that eight new chapters have been added to our roll. They have been opened as follows: 1 at Paris in the Wilson District; 1 at Warkworth, in the Wellington District; 4 in the Central District, viz., at Morrisburg, Aultsville, Renfrew and Carleton Place. Pembroke Chapter No. 58 has been removed to Mattawa, Grand River No. 70 to Bracebridge, and Tuscan No. 99 to Sudbury. All of the the above chapters ppear to be starting under most favorable circumstances.

WEAK CHAPTERS.

It is a matter of congratulation that we have but few weak chapters reported this year.

In the London District, Beaver Chapter No. 74 is not in a flourishing condition. The Grand Z. ordered the warrant to be given up, but the companions refused to do so. It is recommended that this matter be left to be dealt with by the Grand Z. after consultation with the other Grand Principals.

Malloch Chapter No. 66, in the Huron District, needs the attention of the Superintendent to assist in bringing it up to its former standard of efficiency.

In the Toronto District the only chapter that has not progressed is Tuscan No. 95 at Brampton. This warrant has been removed to Sudbury under most encouraging prospects for the future.

In the Prince Edward District, of St. Mark's No. 26 and Mount Sinai No. 44, the Superintendent says: "Attendance small and not much interest taken."

Pembroke No. 58 has surrendered its warrant, and it has been transferred to Mattawa with promises of good results.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

From the reports of the different Superintendents and the reports sent in your Committee is highly gratified at the large additions made to our ranks during the past year. As most of the chapters have had increases in its membership it does not appear necessary to name all of them, but in justice to those which have done remarkably well it seems but right they should be named. Oxford No. 18 has an increase of 23, Waterloo No. 32 of 23, Tecumseh No. 24 of 25, St. James No. 46 of 15, Signet No. 34 of 21, Corinthian No. 36 of 11, Excelsior No. 45 of 28, St. Andrew and St. John No. 4 of 18, King Solomon No. 8 of 32, Orient No. 79 of 16 and Antiquity No. 91 of 20. The net increase for the year in the whole jurisdiction is 745, which is very gratifying to Grand Chapter.

DUES.

From the reports which have a summary of the

year's work attached to them, your Committee are pleased to see that notwithstanding the depression which exists all over our jurisdiction that the dues have been well collected, and in many of the chapters where there has been large arrears a considerable sum has been collected. The attention of the executive officers of the chapters is directed to this important feature of the business relations of a chapter. It is impossible for a chapter to be prosperous when dues are allowed to run heavily in arrear, the financial matters require as much attention on the part of the head of a chapter as any other portion of its work.

Your Committee cannot close without expressing the sorrow we all feel at the absence by death of some of our companions, whom it has been a pleasure to meet at our annual gatherings, and whose counsel and advice we shall sadly miss.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of R. E. Comp. Jas. Greenfield, whose death took place in a distant land, whither he had gone to seek for the best of medical skill and advice. Comp. Greenfield had been a constant attendant at the Convocations of Grand Chapter for many years and he had endeared himself to those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ROAF,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRAND Z's ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z. Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. Ex. Grand Z., beg leave to report as follows :

Your Committee join with the M. Ex. Grand Z. in his expressions of pleasure that the thirty-seventh annual convocation is held in the city of Hamilton, the birth-place of Grand Chapter, and also that we have with us

on this occasion one of those who assisted on that interesting occasion in the person of M. Ex. Comp. Kivas Tully, P. G. Z., who we trust will long be present at our annual Convocations to give us the benefit of his experience.

Your Committee feel sure that Grand Chapter will be pleased to know that so many dispensations have been issued during the year for new chapters.

Your Committee approve of the removal of Pembroke Chapter No. 58, from Pembroke to Mattawa, and hope that the prospect of success now existing will continue, and also of the M. Ex. Grand Z.'s action in the matter.

The removal of the warrants of Seymour Chapter No. 38, from Bradford to Shelburne, of Tuscan Chapter No. 95, from Brampton to Sudbury, of Grand River Chapter No. 70, from Berlin to Bracebridge, also meet with the approval of your Committee and will doubtless be of benefit to Capitular Masonry. We recommend that the action of the M. Ex. Grand Z. in these matters be confirmed.

It is gratifying to note the friendly relations existing between the several Grand Chapters and this Grand Chapter, as noted by the exchange of representatives reported by the M. Ex. Grand Z., and we recommend that his action therein be confirmed.

Your Committee have again to congratulate the M. Ex. Grand Z. on his continued interest in the advancement of this branch of Masonry, as shown by the numerous official visits made by him during the year, also that he has succeeded in inspiring the Grand Superintendents in the same manner, and in having so many chapters of instruction held in the various districts.

The exemplification of the new work in the presence of so many companions must be of great benefit and advantage, and spur them on to renewed activity.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand Chapter on the issuance of the new work, but it seems to it that some further changes are necessary to make it run more smoothly.

Grand Chapter is to be congratulated in the success of the reduction in the fees for admission, as shown by

the large increase in membership which will doubtless be greater from year to year when the subordinate chapters percieve what has been done during the past year. Your Committee, however, believe that with the low fee now charged for admission by so many chapters, a reduction in the amount paid to Grand Chapter for certificate and registration is desirable.

In conclusion your Committee again bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency of the Grand Z. in the discharge of the duties of his office, and congratulate Grand Chapter in having had as its chief executive officer a companion who has so faithfully discharged his duties to the honor and advantage of the Royal Craft. We trust that he may long be spared to meet with us at our annual convocations.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,

Acting Chairman Sub. Committee.

Hamilton, 20th July, 1894.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. H. Robertson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows :

We have received applications from the following Chapters U. D., for warrants from the Grand Chapter.

WARKWORTH, WARKWORTH.

This application is regular, and comes properly recommended, and we recommend that a warrant be issued to the companions.

We also suggest that larger and more substantial books be provided by this chapter.

COVENANT, FARRAN'S POINT.

This application is regular and comes properly recommended, except to the nearest chapter which the Grand Z. has by virtue of his power dispensed with.

The books are regular and properly kept. We therefore recommend the issue of a warrant to this chapter.

ST. JOHN'S, MORRISBURG.

This application is regular and properly recommended, except that of the nearest chapter which the Grand Z. has dispensed with.

The books are regular, very neat and well written. We recommend the issue of a warrant to it.

BRANT, PARIS.

This application is in due form, is recommended by the Grand Supt. and the nearest chapter. We therefore recommend the warrant.

BONNECHERE, RENFREW.

This application is regular and recommended by the Grand Supt. The Grand Z. has dispensed with the consent of the nearest chapter.

The minute book is regular. We recommend the warrant.

DUFFERIN, CARLETON PLACE.

This application is regular and is recommended by the Grand Supt., but on account of internal dissensions which have arisen since the application, we recommend that the dispensation be continued for another year, by which time it is hoped they will be settled.

We also find the minute book unsatisfactory and incomplete.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. WALSH,

Chairman Sub. Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be adopted.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

APPLICATIONS FOR WARRANTS.

WARKWORTH—Meeting at Warkworth. Comps. Israel Humphries, N. D. Richards, T. G. Smith. Chas. A. Tomlinson, W. H. Love, Samuel Oliver, A. W. Hamil-

ton, Wm. Baker, and Wm. Bensley. *Z.*, Israel Humphries; *H.*, Nicholas Dennis Richards; *℥.*, Thos. Gordon Smith.

ZERADATHA—Meeting at Morden, Man. Comps. Corbet Locke, David Kilgour, Wm. Chapman Seldon, Henry Meikle, W. A. Dreker, James Haddock, T. W. Leggo, J. Thompson Black, Wm. A. Windatt, John Leslie, James. A. Carley, W. G. Bell, Thos. W. Taylor, J. Malcolm Suttie, Leon Alonzo Cusack. *Z.*, Alan M. Stewart; *H.*, Corbet Locke; *℥.*, David Kilgour.

S. JOHN'S—Meeting at Morrisburg. Comps. W. H. Moore, J. B. Stephens, A. B. Stayner, N. B. Colcock, S. B. Fell, James A. Poulton, D. Fink, G. H. S. Kennedy, J. H. Currie, Chas. A. Summers and Gordon Serviss. *Z.*, S. B. Fell; *H.*, G. H. S. Kennedy; *℥.*, John H. Currie.

COVENANT—Meeting at Farran's Point. Comps. John M. Cook, Samuel Henry, Edwin D. Ault, Austin E. Fetterby, Arthur W. Ault, Simeon E. Hanes, Reuben H. Hanes, Edward C. Robertson, Archie Empey, G. H. S. Kennedy. *Z.*, Reuben H. Hanes; *H.*, E. C. Robertson; *℥.*, Edwin D. Ault.

BONNECHERE—Meeting at Renfrew. Comps. W. Hay, Geo. McNeill, W. H. G. Garroch, Thos. Bowden, S. A. Sisk, A. Jamieson, Wm. Smith, Geo. Tait, Wm. Rea, W. G. S. Reynolds. *Z.*, David Barr; *H.*, James Craig; *℥.*, Edward Mackay.

DUFFERIN—Meeting at Carleton Place. Comps. J. Rushworth, J. B. Pewtress, D. H. McIntosh, David Brekenridge, S. B. Berryman, Robt. Strong, Geo. McDonald, J. M. Sinclair, Robt. Mercer, S. A. Sisk, A. Hudson, J. Sweetman, Wm. Rea, Geo. McNutt, Charles Ogilvie, W. B. McArthur, W. G. S. Reynolds, W. H. G. Garroch. *Z.*, D. H. McIntosh; *H.*, J. B. Pewtress; *℥.*, E. G. B. Pickup.

BRANT—Meeting at Paris. Comps. Peter H. Cox, Chas. M. Foley, Alonzo N. Parney, John F. Martin, Wm. W. Patterson, Hugh Walker, Wm. Dewar, P. Buckley, W. R. Baker, J. M. Wheeler, R. Thomson, W. H. Wilcox. *Z.*, Peter H. Cox; *H.*, Chas. M. Foley; *℥.*, J. P. Buckley.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada on Benevolent grants beg leave to report

That we have examined the applications sent in by the Subordinate Chapters, and would recommend that the following grants be made, viz.:

NAME OF GRANTEE.	Amt.	No.	THROUGH WHOM PAYABLE.
Widow of S. H. Blondheim ...	\$ 30	1	1st Principal Anc. Fron. and Cat. No. 1
" John Monro.	10	2	" " " "
Children of J. G. Burns.	30	3	" King Solomon No. 8.
Widow of Samuel Waltho.	30	4	" McCallum No. 29.
Comp. Arch. Couper.	50	5	" " "
Orphan of M. McPhail.	40	6	" Huron No. 30.
Mother Donald McLeod.	20	7	" " "
Widow of Robt. Ramsay.	30	8	" Signet No. 34.
" W. B. Wallace.	30	9	" Victoria No. 37.
" F. B. rtlett.	20	10	" Mount Sinai No. 44.
" John Vaux.	20	11	" Wellington No. 47.
Comp. John Monro.	40	12	" Havelock No. 63.
Widow of T. D. Harington.	40	13	" King Solomon No. 8.
" W. B. Simpson.	40	14	" Anc. Fron and Cat. No. 1
" Wm. McCadden.	20	15	" St. John's No. 3.

Returns have been received from all the above bodies except Signet No. 34, Barrie. A grant has been made to the chapter to be paid as soon as the proper return has been received.

There are two new applications, viz., that of the widow of R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, recommended by Ancient Frontenac and Calaruqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, the other of the widow of E. Comp. Wm. McCadden, of St. John's Chapter No. 3, London. In addition to these grants the amount of \$131 was contributed by seven chapters, and \$43 from other sources.

The Committee would impress upon chapters the necessity of supplementing the grants made by Grand Chapter, and also the proper returns required by our regulations.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DANIEL SPRY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z.. Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have had before them one case which has been duly considered and beg to report thereon as follows :

In the matter of Vancouver Chapter No. 98, Vancouver, vs. Comp. George Rawding, misappropriation of chapter funds.

The only paper before your Committee in this case is an extract from the minute book of the above chapter which shows as follows :

That Comp. George Rawding, while Scribe E. of the chapter in the years 1891 and 1892, misappropriated part of its funds, and further during the year 1893, after he had ceased to fill this office, had received moneys belonging to the chapter which he was not authorized to do and had not accounted for them.

The above charges were duly considered, and although Comp. G. Rawding was served with notice thereof he failed to appear, and the chapter after considering the matter unanimously recommended that he be expelled.

Your Committee therefore recommend that Comp. G. Rawding be served with notice to appear before next Grand Chapter to show cause why he should not be expelled.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,

Chairman Sub. Com. on Griev. and Ap.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

CHANGING THE DAY OF MEETING.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. T. Sargant, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, and

RESOLVED,—That Section IX of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by erasing the word Friday and substituting Tuesday therefor.

In view of the above resolution the notice given by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn was withdrawn.

REMOVAL OF THE "PAST MASTER'S" DEGREE FROM THE WORK.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. T. Sargant, seconded by M. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, and

RESOLVED,—That Section LX of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "Past Master," and all other sections of the Constitution wherein the same words occur be likewise amended.

REGISTRATION OF MARKS.

The notice of motion given by R. E. Comp. W. G. Eaking relating to part of Section LXXIV was after considerable discussion withdrawn.

INSTALLING BOARD.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED,—That Section LXV be amended by adding thereto: 'And no Principal shall be installed as Z. of a warranted Chapter until he has been examined by a Board of three Past First Principals, and until said Board shall certify in writing to the installing Past First Principal that the Companion is fully familiar with the duties of First Principal and competent to perform the ceremony of opening and closing the Chapter in each Degree, and to confer the various degrees according to the established work.

CONFERRING PAST RANK.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

RESOLVED,—That in consideration of the labors in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the Colony of Victoria, Australia, and that it has been recommended by the Grand Superintendent

of the District of Australia, the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be and is hereby conferred upon Ex. Comps. Edward Arthur Collis, P. Z., and James Hastie Leishman, P. Z., and the rank of Past Grand Principal Sojourner upon E. Comp. E. H. Williams, P. Z. and E. Comp. Dumont, P. Z., and that the Grand Scribe E. do forward certificates of such appointments to the Grand Superintendent of the District with instructions to duly instal the several companions.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND CEREMONIES.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, and

RESOLVED,—That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and Ceremonies of Grand Chapter, and that a draft report be submitted to every chapter.

The M. E. Grand Z. appointed the following committee: R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, M. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, T. Sargant, R. E. Comps. G. J. Bennett, M. Walsh and D. F. MacWatt.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribe N. and E. Comp. Geo. Chrystal acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The result of the election was as follows :

GRAND COUNCIL.

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto...Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, IngersollGrand H.
R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Hamilton.....Grand J.

The Grand Chapter was then called off for the space of twenty minutes for the election of Grand Superintendents of Districts.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Q. C., Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand H.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Grand J.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following companions having been nominated by the representatives from the respective districts, they were approved of by the M. E. Grand Z :

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. Comp.	Jas. W. Sharp, Dresden,	St. Clair	Dis. No. 1
E.	" W. W. Rutherford, Aylmer,	London	" 2
E.	" S. F. Passmore, Brantford,	Wilson	" 3
V. E.	" R. Mahony, Guelph,	Wellington	" 4
E.	" Wm. Birrell, Hamilton,	Hamilton	" 5
V. E.	" F. W. Gearing, Stratford,	Huron	" 6
V. E.	" C. H. Connor, St. Catharines,	Niagara	" 7
V. E.	" Robt. Oliver, Toronto,	Toronto	" 8
V. E.	" W. T. Toner, Collingwood,	Georgian	" 9
V. E.	" J. W. Quinlan, Port Hope,	Ontario	" 10
V. E.	" E. A. Morden, Picton,	Prince Edward	" 11
V. E.	" Jas. Adams, Kingston,	Central	" 12
E.	" Jas. Fraser, Port Arthur,	Algoma	" 13
E.	" Wm. A. Windatt, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	" 14
R. E.	" Wm. Downie, Vancouver,	Bsh. Columbia	" 15
E.	" F. B. L. Gaffney, Melbourne,	Australia	" 16

The election of officers was then resumed with the following results :

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	T. Sargent, Toronto, re-elected,	Grand Scribe E.
V. E.	" J. Hickson, Toronto,	Grand Scribe N.
V. E.	" F. F. Manley, Toronto,	Grand Prin. Soj.
R. E.	" H. Murray, Hamilton, re-elected,	Grand Treasurer.
V. E.	" J. A. Morton, Wingham,	Grand Registrar.
"	John H. Pritchard, Toronto,	Grand Janitor.

The following named companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Comp.	A. Shaw, Kingston, re-elected.
R. E.	" D. H. Martyn, Kincardine, re-elected.
R. E.	" D. F. MacWatt, Barrie.
R. E.	" J. Malloy, Hamilton.
R. E.	" Wm. Roaf, Toronto.

The following named companions compose the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee for the following term :

R. E. Comp.	John S. Dewar, London, retires in 1895.
M. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry, Barrie, retires in 1896.
M. E. Comp.	J. E. Harding, Stratford, retires in 1897.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding. P. Z., assisted by M. E. Comp. T. Sargent, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with Masonic honors.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The M. E. Grand Z. then nominated the following companions as the appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. E. Comp.	David Taylor, Ottawa.
R. E. "	G. V. T. Greenhill, Galt.
R. E. "	G. J. Bennett, Toronto.
R. E. "	J. D. Christie, Simcoe.
E. "	N. B. Colcock, Brockville.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. J. E. HARDING, P. G. Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

RESOLVED,—That the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to procure and present to M. E. Comp. John E. Harding, P. G. Z., a suitable testimonial in appreciation of the services rendered Grand Chapter during his term of office as Grand Z.

The M. E. the Grand Z. appointed the following committee: R. E. Comps. M. Walsh, W. G. Reid, D. F. MacWatt and M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year :

V. E. Comp.	Geo. Monkman, Barrie,	Grand 1st Asst. Soj.
V. E. "	S. C. Warner, Napanee,	" 2nd "
V. E. "	R. J. Birch, Chatham,	" Swd. Bearer.
V. E. "	C. E. Williams, Wingham,	" M. of Veils.
V. E. "	W. H. Hearsh, Sault St. Marie,	" St'ard Bearer
V. E. "	Wm. King, Brockville,	" D. of Cer'nies
V. E. "	Robert Mann, Orangeville,	" Organist.
V. E. "	A. R. K. McDougall, Woodstock,	" Pursuivant.
V. E. "	L. W. Burke, London,	" Steward.
V. E. "	Ira Bates, Toronto,	" "
V. E. "	Wm. Ferrah, Oakville,	" "
V. E. "	S. Amsden, Dunnville,	" "

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the chapter of which he is a member.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt—
To amend Section CXVII by adding after the word certificate

in the 12th line the words "and registration," and also by adding as the 13th and 14th lines the following: "This is to be paid in every instance as soon as a companion has been initiated. In the case of companions who have not already taken out their certificate this must be done on or before the 31st day of December, 1895." Erase the words composing the 15th and 16th lines in said Section.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, seconded by M. E. Comp. T. Sargent, and

Resolved,—That the cordial vote of thanks of this Grand Chapter is due and hereby tendered to the companions of Hamilton chapters for their kindly attention and fraternal and hospitable reception of the officers and representatives of Grand Chapter during their stay in the city of Hamilton, as well as for the very satisfactory arrangements made for the Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *Ample Form* at 5 p.m.



Thos. Sargent

GRAND SCRIBE E.

HAMILTON, 20th July, A. I. 2424, A. D. 1894.

ADDENDUM.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 30TH JUNE, 1894, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30TH JUNE, 1894.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Where Held.	Reg. Meeting	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Adm'n's	Join'gs.	Restor'n	Withdr'ls	Suspend's	Expul's	Deaths.	Members	Last Ret.	Ledger Bal.		Paid Grand Chapt'r
															Dr.	Cr.	
1	An. Fron. & Cater'i	Kingston	Third Wed'day	Wm. Thomson	Wm. Gill.....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	83	M'y94	..	..	\$ 21 60
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	First Monday..	Robt. Magness	Geo. E. Mason	7	7	..	1	..	..	2	181	"	..	\$ 3 00	3 00
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wed'ay	Alex. Currie ..	John Siddons..	13	13	..	1	2	..	1	88	"	..	..	67 40
4	St. And. & St. John	Toronto	Third Friday ..	Spencer Love ..	John McCurrah	18	18	1	1	..	..	1	113	"	..	..	74 10
5	St. George's	London	Third Tuesday	A. McWhinney	Chas. C. Reid..	8	8	1	2	4	..	..	85	"	..	..	34 80
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thurs'y	T. McCallum ..	W. J. McAllister	8	8	1	5	10	..	3	233	"	..	..	69 80
7	Moir's	Belleville	First Tuesday	Henry Pringle..	Geo. Dulmage.	4	4	..	1	..	..	3	103	"	..	..	36 60
8	King Solomon	Toronto	First Wed'day.	N. T. Lyon ..	John Roberts ..	32	4	1	1	..	..	..	161	"	..	..	130 20
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday.	Jas. Woods ..	James Fry	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	39	"	..	..	8 30
16	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Friday ..	Wm. Smith ..	W. G. Reynold	..	9	3	1	3	..	1	80	"	..	..	44 50
18	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Monday.	W. A. Karn ..	John Morrison..	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	58	"	..	..	45 60
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines.	F. on or b. f. m.	Jas. Campbell..	C. G. McGhie ..	6	6	..	..	..	..	72	72	"	..	..	29 40
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	First Friday ..	W. E. Phin ..	W. L. Hughes ..	10	..	..	1	..	..	5	65	"	..	..	5 00
22	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tues'ay	I. F. Graham ..	Geo. Wilkinson	3	..	..	..	..	..	48	48	"	..	..	20 60
23	Ezra	Simcoe	Thurs'y a. f. m.	W. Wood	W. P. Kelley ..	11	..	4	4	..	..	1	45	"	..	..	20 80
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	First Tuesday.	J. J. Moore ..	J. Baker	19	2	..	..	..	..	1	66	"	..	..	64 00
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	First Wed'ay ..	D. J. Walker ..	W. O. Lott	2	..	..	1	4	..	..	31	"	..	..	4 00
27	Manitou	Collingwood ..	First Friday ..	Robt. Burdette	G. W. Bruce	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	30	"	..	..	16 00
28	Pentapolis	Oshawa	Second Friday.	Francis Rae ..	L. R. Murtion ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	M'y93	\$ 1 20	..	27 60
29	McCallum	Dunville	F. on or a. f. m.	F. J. Ramsay ..	I. Edgar Crobby	1	2	..	3	..	..	43	31	M'y94	..	..	4 00
30	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday	M. Nicholson ..	E. A. Rhymas ..	7	1	1	1	..	..	50	50	"	..	..	73 25
31	Prince Edward	Pictou	M. on or a. f. m.	C. C. Spencer ..	E. W. Case	19	..	..	..	8	..	2	75	"	..	..	100 30
32	Waterloo	Galt	First Monday ..	Alfred Taylor ..	Wm. Baird	26	1	..	3	1	..	..	54	"	..	..	6 40
34	Signal	Barrie	Second Tues'ay	G. G. Smith ..	Fred. Marr	21	1	1	1	..	..	..	61	"	..	..	16 40
35	Keystone	Whitby	Third Friday ..	A. M. Ross	Joseph King ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	37	"	..	..	23 20
36	Corinthian	Peterborough..	Third Tuesday	David Spence ..	John McKee ..	11	..	..	..	3	..	..	56	"	..	..	42 50
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Friday.	Thomas Long ..	R. C. Smith	11	2	..	..	2	..	..	35	"	..	..	44 40
38	Seymour	Shelburne	Second Friday.	Chas. Mason ..	W. McCutcheon	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	"	..	..	4 80
40	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday.	H. N. Barry ..	R. Gemmell	4	12	..	..	..	..	3	58	"	..	..	33 40
41	Harris	Ingersoll	Second Friday.	W. A. Woolson	I. H. Hegler ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	"	..	..	101 00
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Wed'ay a. f. m.	W. F. Geraw ..	R. L. Henry	5	..	..	..	9	..	..	52	"	..	..	33 40
45	Excelsior	Colborne	First Thursday	V. G. Cornwell	R. W. Males	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	"	..	..	101 00
46	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Wed'ay	H. Fred. Sharp	E. W. Harding ..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	"	..	..	20 40
47	Wellington	Chatham	Second Th'day	I. C. Macnabb	Jas. Birch	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	37	"	..	..	20 40

48	St. John.	Cobourg	F. on or b. f. m.	Wm. H. Hovey	R. J. Craig	5	1	4	5	2	30	23 00
52	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	First Thursday	A. W. Woodruff	J. Mal'm Sutter	10	1	4	5	173	60 10	
53	Bruce	Petrolia	Second Thursday	Henry Mann	Robt. Scott	7	2	1	4	33	13 40	
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Third Thursday	R. Rogers	W. E. Idsardi	4	2	4	2	84	44 05	
55	Niagara	Owen Sound	First Tuesday	Allan Cameron	J. W. Clement	4	2	4	2	16	12 00	
56	Georgian	Port Colborne.	First Tuesday	J. C. Jordan	R. McDonald	33	1	1	1	36	4 00	
57	King Hiram.	Mattawa	F. on or b. f. m.	R. A. Klock	E. B. McKae.	32	1	1	1	M'y93	13 40	
58	Pembroke	Brockville	First Wednesday	J. Menish	A. W. Grasswell	15	1	1	1	94	27 60	
59	Sussex	Newmarket	Second Monday	H. J. Charles	John M. Munro	8	5	2	2	41	12 00	
60	Doric	Almonte	First Thursday	Ralph Hill	H. Cooper.	6	2	1	3	28	13 40	
61	Granite	Eglington	Third Thursday	D. Robertson.	Jas. M. Stuart.	2	1	1	1	43	27 60	
62	York	Kincardine	Fourth Thursday	E. Miller	A. E. Taylor.	9	1	1	1	46	12 00	
63	Havelock	Welland	Second Wednesday	W. M. German.	F. W. Harcourt	1	1	1	1	30	13 00	
64	St. Paul's	Toronto	Friday b. f. m.	Aubrey White.	T. Smallacomb	9	1	1	1	98	86 70	
65	Malloch	Seaford	First Monday	Jno. H. Fairlie.	Daniel Clapp	1	4	6	6	22	11 40	
66	Enterprise	Harriston	First F. a. f. m.	H. Leighton	J. B. Loves	1	1	1	1	26	25 00	
67	Maitland	N. Augusta	F. on or a. f. m.	J. C. Chapman.	R. Thompson.	27	93	27	94	M'y92	6 00	
68	Grimsby	Bracebridge	F. on or a. f. m.	Wm. Gibson.	P. Hutchison.	17	94	17	94	26	5 20	
69	Grand River.	Amherstburg	Monday a. f. m.	Isaac Huber.	Richard Elliott	7	1	1	1	M'y90	4 00	
70	Prince of Wales	Ridgetown	Second Tuesday	Colin Wigh.	A. Long.	26	36	26	94	13 40	27 20	
71	Erie	Strathroy	F. on or b. f. m.	G. Middleditch	J. W. Mitchell.	36	24	36	94	82 40	4 00	
72	Beaver	Milton.	Second Monday	Conrad Hoff.	Geo. Hyatt.	4	2	4	2	47	13 40	
73	St. Clair	Niagara Falls.	Third Wednesday	J. E. Jones	G. C. Mooring.	4	1	1	1	60	27 20	
74	Mount Nebo.	Toronto	Fourth Thursday	W. G. Parsons	D. M. Macleod	4	1	1	1	20	82 40	
75	Occident	Parkhill	Second Monday	D. Caw	A. E. Ham.	18	4	1	1	58	4 00	
76	Minnewawa	Toronto	F. on or a. f. m.	W. D. Grierson	J. E. Richards	6	1	1	1	54	51 00	
77	Orient	Windsor	F. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Peters.	Arch. McLellan	5	1	1	1	50	30 80	
78	Ark.	Aylmer	F. on or a. f. m.	W. W. Rutherford	Geo. Irwin	7	4	1	1	28	22 10	
79	Shuniah	Port Arthur.	First Tuesday	J. C. Brown	J. A. Morton.	4	1	1	1	24	19 20	
80	Ionic	Orangeville	Second Thursday	J. C. E. Williams	G. A. K. McLeod	5	1	1	1	M'y93	15 00	
81	Lebanon	Exeter	First Friday	R. H. Collins.	J. D. Hammil.	3	2	1	1	94	5 00	
82	Exeter	Meaford	Second Friday	C. F. Snelgrove.	J. H. McVean.	2	1	1	1	32	87 50	
83	MacPherson.	Dresden	Third Monday	J. W. Sharpe	J. K. Brydon.	20	2	1	1	94	5 00	
84	MacNabb.	Rat Portage	Last Friday	W. Walker	Alf. R. Symon	1	1	1	1	25	10 40	
85	Golden	Toronto	Third Thursday	A. Cathro	G. S. Patrick.	1	1	1	1	13	8 00	
86	Antiquity	Alliston	Second Monday	W. McFadden.	F. T. W. Brady	1	1	1	1	26	10 40	
87	Spry	Midland	Second Tuesday	A. M. Wales.		1	1	1	1	3		
88	Midland	Brampton				1	1	1	1	3		
89	Tuscan	N. Carlton, Aus				1	1	1	1	3		
90	Australasian Kill'ig					1	1	1	1	3		

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 30TH JUNE, 1894, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30TH JUNE, 1893--Continued.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Where Held.	Reg. Meeting.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admission.	Joinings.	Restor'n.	Withdrawls.	Suspensions.	Expuls'ns.	Deaths.	Members	Last Ret.	Ledger Bal.		Paid Grand Chapt'r
															Dr.	Cr.	
97	City of Melbourne.	Abbotsford	Third Thu'day.	S. H. Leishman	G. H. Elliott.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73 M'y93				
98	Vancouver	Vancouver	Second W'sday	R. Alexander	C. H. Gatwood	9	3	..	..	6	..	..	52 M'y94				35 80
99	Keystone.	Port. la Prairie	First Wed'sday	F. Bailey	H. E. Turner	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 "				53 20
100	St. Lawrence.	Brockville	First Thursday	N. B. Colcock	E. A. Buckman	20	..	..	..	5	..	..	46 "				5 00
101	Corinthian	Bollesvau	First W. a. f. m.	Richard Willis	Jas. Rae.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 M'y93				30 00
102	Algonquin.	Sault St. Marie	Second Friday.	W. J. Bradley	R. H. Knight.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	43 M'y94				1 00
103	St. John's	North Bay	Second W'sday	W. R. Boucher	D. Thompson.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 "				46 00
104	White Oak	Oakville	Sec'nd Tu a. f. m.	W. E. Brown	W. O. Joyce.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 "				36 20
105	Signet	Winnipeg	Fourth W'sday	C. M. Enderton	A. W. Chapin	5	1	..	3	..	..	..	66 "				13 60
106	Alberta	Calgary	Sec'nd Tu'sday	H. J. Lindsay	Geo. Murdoch.	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	37 "				51 26
107	Citizen's	Melbourne	Second Th'day	J. Hoogklemeur	Geo. Murdoch.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 "				60 10
108	Duke of Albany.	"	Third Friday.	F. B. L. Gaffney	J. C. Kennedy	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	35 "				53 00
109	United Winnemara	Prahran	Wed'day a. f. m.	Geo. Lotts	Wm. Baker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 "				50 40
110	Warkworth	Warkworth	First Tuesday.	Isr. Humphries	Alan M Stewart	6	9	..	..	..	..	..	25 "				55 90
111	Zeredatha	Morden	"	S. B. Fell	A. A. Logan	5	14	..	..	..	..	..	19 "				40 00
112	St. John's	Morrisburg	First Wed'sday	Reub H. Hanes	A. W. Ault	12	10	..	..	..	..	..	22 "				44 00
113	Covenant	Farran's Point.	Third Monday.	David Barr.	G. W. McDonald	19	4	..	..	..	..	..	19 "				44 00
114	Bonneche.	Renfrew	First Tuesday.	D. H. McIntosh	J. Rushworth	17	9	..	..	..	..	..	24 "				44 00
115	Dufferin	Carleton Place.	Second Friday.	Peter H. Cox.	J. H. Fisher.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26 "				44 00
	Brant	Paris				673	157	19	126	115		38	4634				\$3692 37

RECAPITULATION.

No of Chapters on Roll	96	No. of Suspensions on the Rolls	115
Represented	69	" Deaths	38
No. of Registrations reported	673	" Expulsions	0
" Joinings	157	Total No. of Members on the Roll of Grand Chapter	4634
" Restorations	19	Total amount of Receipts 1893-94.	\$3692 37
" Withdrawals	126		
Net increase of Members	580	Net increase of Funds	\$949.63

SUSPENSIONS U. M. C.—1893-4.

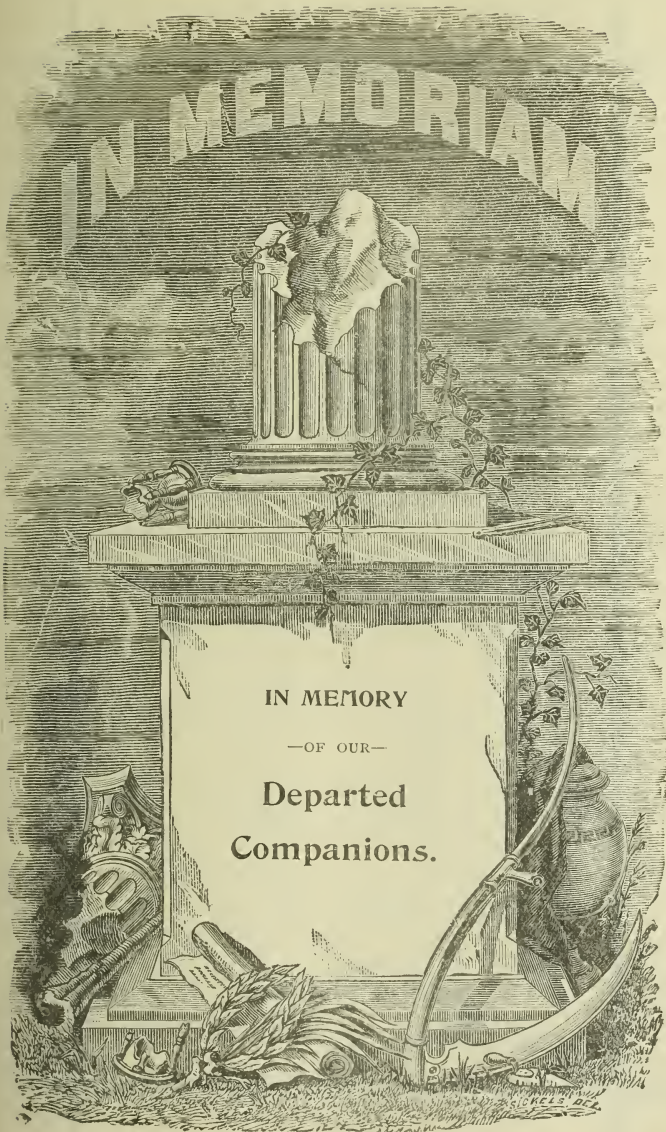
George Rawding, April 11, 1894, from Vancouver Chapter No. 98.

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- No. 3. James J. Marsh, J. H. McKay.
- No. 4. E. W. Powers.
- No. 5. J. B. Smyth, James Thomson, John W. Lewis, George Ellis.
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- No. 27. J. B. Sherman, Jos. B. Sherwin, David Beatty.
- No. 31. W. E. Sills, F. White, W. H. Orchard, W. B. Seaves, F. C. Spencer, D. Wolson, W. H. Morden, D. B. Clapp.
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- No. 36. W. H. Casement, W. H. Hill, R. Q. Deuch.
- No. 37. J. G. King, H. B. Hall.
- No. 52. R. C. Ferguson, Robert Manford, John Suckling, J. R. Steep.
- No. 54. John Farley, James Upper, W. B. Doherty, Stuart Ferguson.
- No. 56. John McWhirter, J. J. White, D. P. Urquhart, A. B. Lang.
- No. 62. J. E. Schiller, D. Duncan, W. A. Lubback.
- No. 66. James Young.
- No. 76. R. C. Sawby, Geo. Marchmount, J. O'Dell.
- No. 77. B. Spain, J. D. Foley, S. E. Guest, James Hudson, H. J. M. Wilson, J. G. Keeler, T. A. Thomson, R. Ogilvy, J. Swanson, Wm. Simpson, L. B. Montgomery.
- No. 78. D. Watson.
- No. 79. S. N. Osborne.
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- No. 95. Thos. H. Crawford, J. R. Armstrong, S. Dolson.
- No. 98. W. D. Creyton, W. R. Dunn, Thos. C. Gray, A. S. Black, Robt. Maitland.
- No. 100. Peter Perry, C. J. Moran.

RESTORATIONS.—1893-4.

No. 3. John Aitkins; No. 5. George Angus; No. 6. W. G. Mallet; No. 8. R. M. Campbell; No. 32. J. P. Lawrason; No. 40. H. K. Maitland; No. 47. W. H. Sparling; No. 52. Jas. Henderson, A. M. Brown, C. F. Forrest, John Williams; No. 54. Douglas Gerrard, Benjamin Martin; No. 63. John Tolmie; No. 67. J. R. Dale, Cyrus Hacking, John Watson, Thomas Douglas; No. 77. J. Swanson; No. 80. W. J. Lindsey.



At Rest.



No. OF CHP.	NAME.	DATE.
2	Wm. Reid	4th Oct., 1893.
2	John Stewart	26th Jan., 1893.
2	P. J. Thomas.....	
4	Marceilus Crombie....	
7	T. Farnshaw.....	9th Aug., 1893.
7	D. Petculthy.....	21st March, 1893
7	Alfred Ellis.....	8th Jan., 1894.
8	J. A. Wills.....	16th June, 1893.
8	Jas. Kelley	5th Oct., 1893.
8	John McKee	11th Nov., 1893.
8	John Shanessey	11th Dec., 1893.
8	W. Smith	20th March, 1894
15	John Smith	
15	Chas. Mole.....	
15	Donald Simpson.....	
31	John Twigg.....	1st Sept., 1893.
31	L. H. Carter	1st April, 1894.
40	A. Bruce.....	20th April, 1894.
40	J. A. Angel.....	18th Sept., 1894.
40	D. Kennedy.....	13th Oct., 1893.
48	Thos. Ballett.....	August, 1890.
48	R. A. Bruce.....	
54	G. Penwarden.....	14th Feb., 1894.
55	W. A. Thompson.....	29th July, 1893.
59	J. D. Buell.....	2nd Feb., 1894.
64	E. Milchust.....	25th June, 1893.
65	C. Pollock.....	February, 1894.
80	J. Vesey	3rd Oct., 1893.
81	W. E. Johnston.....	15th Sept., 1893.
82	C. W. Hamilton.....	12th Dec., 1893.
91	F. R. Bailey.....	June, 1893.
98	C. L. Perry	7th July, 1894.
98	C. J. Williams	15th April, 1894.
102	E. Mylchrest	26th June, 1891.
102	J. S. Skews	31st March, 1894

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" 71. Pr. of Wales Amherst'g	" 88. Macnabb.....Dresden
" 73. Erie.....Ridgetown	

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. W. Rutherford, Aylmer

No. 3. St. John's.....London	No. 54. Palestine....St. Thomas
" 5. St. George's....London	" 74. Beaver.....Strathroy
" 15. Wawanosh.....Sarnia	" 87. Minnewawa....Parkhill
" 53. Bruce.....Petrolia	" 81. Aylmer.....Aylmer

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. S. F. Passmore, Brantford

No. 18 Oxford.....Woodstock	No. 41 Harris.....Ingersoll
" 20 Mount Horeb..Brantford	" 116 Brant.....Paris
" 23 Ezra.....Simcoe	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

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No. 32 Waterloo.....Galt	No. 67 Enterprise....Harriston
" 38 Seymour.....Shelbourne	" 83 Ionic.....Orangeville
" 40 Guelph.....Guelph	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Wm. Birrell, Hamilton.

No. 2 Hiram Hamilton	No. 75 St. Clair Milton
" 6 St. John's.....Hamilton	" 104 White Oak.....Oakville

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. F. W. Gearing, Stratford.

No. 24 Tecumseh....Stratford	No. 66 The Malloch....Seaforth
" 30 Huron.....Goderich	" 84 Lebanon.....Wingham
" 46 St. James....St. Mary's	" 85 ExeterExeter
" 63 Havelock....Kincardine	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. H. Connor, St. Catharines

No. 19 Mount Moriah St. Cath's	No. 64 Wilson.....Welland
" 29 McCallum....Dunnville	" 69 Grimsby.....Grimsby
" 55 Niagara.....Niagara	" 76 Mount Nebo,Niagara F.S
" 57 King Hiram P. Colborne	

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Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. R. Oliver, Toronto.

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" 8 King Solomon's...Toronto	" 77 Occident.....Toronto
" 60 Doric.....Newmarket	" 79 Orient.....Toronto
" 62 YorkEglington	" 91 AntiquityToronto

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, Collingwood.

No. 27 Manitou....Collingwood	No. 86 Macpherson..Meaford
" 34 SignetBarrie	" 92 SpryAlliston
" 56 Georgian....Owen Sound	" 103 St. John's..North Bay
" 70 Grand River .Bracebridge	

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" 35 KeystoneWhitby	" 48 St. John's....Cobourg
" 36 CorinthianPeterboro'	" 94 Midland.....Lindsay
" 37 Victoria.....Port Hope	" 110 Warkw'h. Warkworth

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Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. E. A. Morden, Picton.

No. 7 Moira Belleville	No. 31 Prince Edward..Picton
" 26 St. Mark's Trenton	" 44 Mount Sinai .Napanee

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No. 1 Ant. F. & Cat..Kingston..	No. 68 Maitland..N. Augusta
" 16 Carleton Ottawa	" 100 St. Law'ce..Brockville
" 22 Grenville Prescott	" 112 St. John's..Morrisburg
" 58 Pembroke Mattawa	" 113 Covenant.Farran's Pt.
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" 61 Granite Almonte	

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" 90 Golden Rat Portage	Marie.

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" 97 City of Melbourne, "	" United Winnemara, "

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R. E.	"	M. Walsh, Ingersoll	Rhode Island	M. E.	"	W. R. Greene, Providence	W. R. Greene, Providence
"	"	J. K. Kerr, Toronto	Scotland	E.	"	The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kin- tore, Carleton Club, Lon'n, E.	Robert S. Brown, Edinburgh
"	"	Jas. Reynolds, Brockville	South Carolina	E.	"	J. M. Bratten, M. D., Yorkville	J. E. Burke, Charleston
"	"	A. E. Cooper, London	South Dakota	"	"	Robt T. Sedam, St. Lawrence	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandran
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"	"	E. T. Malone, Toronto	Texas	"	"	Hy. Scherffius, Houston	Geo. Lopas, Jr., Houston
"	"	J. B. Nixon, Toronto	Vermont	E.	"	C. W. Whitcomb, Proctorsville	War'n G. Reynolds, Burlington
"	"	Alex. Patterson, Toronto	Virginia	E.	"	Geo. W. Dame, Danville	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond
"	"	Hugh Murray, Hamilton	Washington Territory	M. E.	"	D. K. McPherson, Walla Walla	Vancey C. Bialock, Walla Walla
"	"	David Taylor, Ottawa	West Virginia	"	"	Steph. W. Poe, Grafton	Odel S. Long, Wheeling
"	"	Gavin Stewart, Hamilton	Wisconsin	R. E.	"	R. D. Pulford, Mineral Point	John A. Laffin, Milwaukee
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Mississippi					
Missouri					

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1894.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their *twenty-seventh* annual report.

They have carefully examined all the Proceedings that have been received and a list of the same will be found at the close of the report.

The general tone is somewhat depressed, owing to the financial distress which has prevailed all over the continent. The former increase in membership has been affected, but the general harmony and absence of any very serious complications are still in evidence.

The great charm of our fraternity is the confidence we have in each other, and the knowledge that we are banded together for good purposes. These are not destroyed by any periods of depression, but on the contrary, it is when times are hard and suffering prevails that our association shines forth with added brilliancy. It has been well said that "the intensest feeling of self is that of belonging to a brotherhood." We all know then that we have duties to perform, and the performance of these duties becomes a pleasure, so that nothing can destroy the satisfaction felt in the fulfilment of an obligation.

We rejoice in prosperity as furnishing further opportunities for practicing the cardinal precepts, and we welcome new recruits to share in our satisfaction. In other times we have still the same recompense, and there is always the consolation of hope, that brighter days will soon return.

Our review commences with the Grand Chapter of **Alabama.**

Sixty-seventh Convocation, Montgomery, Dec. 4th, 1893.

John A. McKinnon, G. H. P.

Two new chapters were formed, and one revived. A greater interest is now felt and manifested in the work of the chapters than there has been for several years.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That an applicant for the Chapter Degrees, whose application has been rejected by a chapter, under this Grand Jurisdiction must await the expiration of six months before his petition can be again received, unless the objection is withdrawn, and that such subsequent petition must be made at a regular stated Convocation of the chapter, referred to a committee, and take the same course as the first.

A proposition to hold the meetings of the Grand Chapter at other times and places than those of the Grand Lodge was negatived. The meetings are always held in Montgomery, and the perambulating system is not in vogue in Alabama.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans presented his twenty-seventh annual report. He is the Dean of the Guild, and his ripe experience enables him to furnish an excellent compilation of the transactions. In his review of Canada for 1893 he copies part of the very commendable report of Comp. George J. Bennett, "to show that the Committee fearlessly and honestly did its duty, and because we admire the frankness and candor apparent throught the report, and as a pattern for others."

They have 42 chapters, and 1199 members, gain 6.

John A. McKinnon, (Selma,) G. H. P.

H. Clay Armstrong, (Montgomery,) G. S.

Arizona.

Fourth Convocation, Phoenix, Nov. 15th, 1893.

George J. Roskruge, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says ;

The Capitular year just past has been most satisfactory. With the exception of "Flagstaff" chapter, all the chapters have

brought up good square work for inspection. The tabular statement that will be presented to you by our R. E. Grand Secretary shows that there has been 28 exaltations, and 10 affiliations, evenly divided between the four chapters. Aside from "Flagstaff" the total gain in membership is 25, which is surely very encouraging, showing a very healthy and vigorous growth in Capitular Masonry in this Territory, only one member having been suspended for non-payment of his dues.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed we notice the name of R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, for Canada.

It was resolved that recognition should not be extended to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales until it was recognized by the General Grand Chapter.

Very soon after the close of the Grand Chapter, and before the completion of his report, Comp. H. B. Lighthizer, Chairman of Correspondence, was suddenly called to join the silent majority. He was a pleasing writer, and much esteemed by all who knew him. His report is published in its unfinished condition, and it is pathetic to notice that the last words have reference to the death of prominent members of the fraternity. Canada for 1893 receives due mention.

Alex. G. Oliver, (Prescott,) G. H. P.

George J. Roskrige, (Tucson,) G. S.

Arkansas.

Forty-fourth Convocation, Little Rock, Nov. 23rd, 1893.

Jasper M. Pinnell, G. H. P.

They have 63 chapters and 1959 members, showing an increase of 78.

Three new chapters were formed, and one revived.

The ritual prepared by the special committee was adopted.

The sum of \$500.00 was loaned to the Grand Lodge to assist in payment of the debt on the Masonic Temple property.

Comp. R. J. Laughlin reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 is included in his review.

John C. Bone, (Batesville,) G. H. P.

James A. Henry, (Little Rock,) G. S.

California.

Thirty-ninth Convocation, San Francisco, April 18th, 1893.

William B. Davis, G. H. P.

The past year has been one of unusual activity and prosperity among the Royal Craft. It is also an unusual circumstance to notice that in so large a Jurisdiction, no questions of Masonic Law were referred to the Grand High Priest for adjudication, so that the Committee on Grievances had no arduous duties to perform. Dispensations were issued for two new chapters. Comp. Davis visited a number of the subordinates, and thus reports the result :

All the chapters are in a prosperous condition. In the several visitations, work was done or exemplified in a very creditable manner. It was most gratifying to behold the commodious halls occupied by the chapters and the intelligent faces who assemble there. The business-like manner in which the records and the books of marks are kept was particularly gratifying to witness. In all cases the season of refreshment was not neglected, the universal verdict being that "It was good to be there." Peace and harmony reigned supreme in the breasts of all. These events have made such an impression on me that I shall, in the future, look back with pride and satisfaction to the year I presided over the Royal Craft of California, and esteem it the most pleasant one of my life ; and nothing but death can ever obliterate it from my memory.

They have 66 chapters and 5033 members, a gain of 190.

The report on Correspondence by Comp. William A. Davies is in the body of the Proceedings. Bro. Davies has the ability and the Masonic knowledge requisite to make a first class reporter. Canada for 1892 receives complimentary mention :

The kernal of the prosperity of the Grand Chapter of Canada may, however be traced and credited in a great degree to the faithful work of the Grand Superintendents of the several districts. Their work is thorough and complete. They take full cognizance of the condition of the several chapters, from their creation through their Royal Arch lives, correcting their work, examining their finances and either vouching for their correct deportment and solvency or advising their consolidation with neighbors who are able and willing to carry them. Such work is good and square work, and will always redound to the credit of the executive head.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws

was adopted, thus disapproving of the life membership principle.

San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, presents the following amendment to its By-laws :

To amend Article VI, Section 5, of the By-laws of the chapter to read as follows :

"Life membership in this chapter shall be fifty dollars and the payment of that sum by a member shall constitute him a life member of this chapter, and shall exempt him from further current dues ;" (*Provided*, That any member who has paid dues into its treasury for twenty-five or more consecutive years, shall be entitled to a certificate of life membership upon application to the Secretary, and the payment of five dollars into the life membership fund.) "All amounts received from life memberships shall constitute a special life membership fund, the principal of which shall permanently remain in said fund, but the interest and revenues accruing from the investment of the same shall be paid into the general fund of the chapter."

This amendment was reported by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest without recommendation. Your committee having carefully considered the same, report as follows :

While there can be no question as to the powers of chapters to make such an amendment, we believe it to be bad policy. It would establish a precedent which, we think, would be injurious to the smaller chapters which might conclude to change their by-laws in accordance therewith. We also believe that the creating of privileged classes in chapters would tend to a feeling of dissatisfaction among those who were unable to purchase life memberships, and that a lack of interest would very soon develop among the life members.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the proposed amendment be not approved.

Charles R. Gritman, (Napa,) G. H. P.

Thomas H. Caswell, (San Francisco,) G. S.

Colorado.

Nineteenth Convocation, Denver, Sept. 21st, 1893.

Thomas Nicholl, G. H. P.

On the work of the year, he says :

The work accomplished during the past year, I presume has been one of the smallest since the formation of this Grand Chapter, and in consequence the duties of the Grand High Priest have been extremely light. One of the reasons I have no doubt, is the immense amount of work performed by the subordinate chapters during the term of my predecessor, and also the fact of the great financial stringency that has passed over this jurisdiction within the last few months. In relation to this, I would respectfully recommend to this Grand Chapter, if in their wisdom

they can extend the time of any subordinate chapter in paying their annual dues, it would assist them in their present financial distress, as I have been informed that some of the chapters have been pretty heavily taxed to pay their dues.

Dispensations were issued for three new chapters and one application refused.

On the subjects of Rituals and the Titles of Officers, the following reports were adopted :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of the adoption of the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter for the use of its subordinates would respectfully report :

The General Grand Chapter at its twenty-eighth Convocation held at Minneapolis in 1891, adopted a Ritual of "ceremonials and system of lectures" and promulgated the same for the use of chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, but left it optional with the General Grand Jurisdictions to adopt the same or not, as they might elect. It was also enacted that said Ritual should "be put into cipher, and when thus prepared it be disseminated by the Council of General Grand Officers."

Your Committee have examined the Ritual so disseminated as thoroughly as the limited time at our disposal would permit, and from such examination we find that it does not differ essentially from the work as usually rendered in the best informed chapters of this jurisdiction. Such differences as we have discovered consist of verbal changes and the abbreviation of lectures, and in the opinion of your committee they are an improvement upon the work. The explanations of the several ceremonials are clear and specific. The categorical lectures are also well arranged, and fully explain the ceremonials, and on the whole, your committee consider this Ritual the best that can at present be obtained.

We therefore recommend that any and all action heretofore taken by this Grand Chapter concerning a Ritual be rescinded, and that the "Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America in 1891" be adopted by this Grand Chapter as the Ritual to be used by the several chapters in this jurisdiction as soon as the same can be procured by the Grand Secretary, and thereafter all other Rituals or work be forbidden.

We further recommend that each candidate be required by the several chapters to hereafter pass a satisfactory examination in open chapter as to his proficiency in the preceding degree before advancement.

Comp. Ernest L. N. Foster presented his sixth report on Correspondence, in which we find a good notice of our Proceedings for 1893.

They have 27 chapters and 2415 members, gain 147.

Henry T. West, (Greeley,) G. H. P.

Ed. C. Parmelee, (Denver,) G. S.

Connecticut

Ninety fifth Convocation, New Haven, May 9th, 1893.

Henry H. Green, G. H. P.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States was organized in the City of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1797 and the Grand Chapter resolved to extend an invitation to that Body to hold their next Triennial Convocation in 1897 in the same place.

The Grand Chapter of Victoria was recognized.

The representatives of subordinate chapters were instructed to call the attention of their chapters to the Grand Chapter by-law concerning marks.

The following resolution was submitted by Comp. John P. Wier and after some discussion it was rejected.

Resolved, That no Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, of twenty-one years' good and regular standing, shall be subject to discipline for nonpayment of dues; and no chapter in this jurisdiction shall be required to pay a *per capita tax* to the Grand Chapter upon any of its members who have complied with the terms of this resolution.

They have 38 chapters and 4862 members, a loss of 68.

The report on Correspondence is again by our old-time friend Comp. John H. Barlow, P. G. H. P. It is his sixteenth annual, and his excellence improves with age. Canada for 1892 has due notice. In his review of Kansas he has the following on the right of a Grand Body to expel from the Craft:—

We think Grand Bodies have in case of discipline, original jurisdiction and may inflict a penalty of suspension or expulsion, not only from the Grand Body, but from the rights and privileges of masonry, especially if as in the case alluded to, (if we remember correctly) the offence was against the Grand Body. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut at its last annual communication, passed the sentence of expulsion from all the rights and privileges of masonry, upon one who was not a member of the Grand Body, but whose offence was of such a nature as to call for such an action.

Samuel Basset, (New Britain,) G. H. P.

Josepe K. Wheeler, (Hartford,) G. S.

Delaware.

Twenty-sixth Convocation, Wilmington, Jan. 17th, 1894.

George W. Andrews, G. H. P.

The growth of the chapters during the past year has been a healthy if not a large one. Considering the great financial depression, the progress and increase of membership may be deemed a subject of congratulation. The Grand High Priest visited all the chapters.

The transactions are very brief, and call for no special notice.

They have four chapters and 551 members, a gain of 36.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. V. V. Harrison. In his review of our Proceedings for 1893, he expresses surprise at our dual membership, apparently not being aware that a Mason here can belong to as many lodges or chapters as are willing to receive him, and it is very seldom that any difficulty arises therefrom. Of course, suspension from one body suspends from all, but on the other hand, a member is not required to leave his mother lodge in order to help to start another one, and if he is willing to pay dues to two lodges rather than leave the old one, his assistance is often of the very greatest benefit to the new lodge in the place where he may happen for a time to be located.

George W. Andrews, (Wilmington,) G. H. P.

James H. Price, (Wilmington,) G. S.

District of Columbia.

Twenty-seventh Convocation, Washington, Dec. 13, 1893.

Harrison Dingamn, G. H. P.

The usual annual official visitations were made by the Grand Officers to all the subordinate chapters, at which able addresses were delivered, "showing new beauties in the teachings and doctrines of Capitular Masonry, keeping alive interest, bringing the Companions nearer to each other, and helping to make better Companions of us all."

On the state of the Order, Comp. Dingman says :

It is a pleasure to state that harmony prevails throught the entire jurisdiction. All the chapters are in good condition, each with careful, capable Companions filling the various offices, and in view of the many changes natural to our location at the fountain head of our National Government, and the exceedingly unpleasant stringency in financial circles, the chapters have all rendered a good showing in the quality, quantity and manner of the work of the year and a fair increase has thus been effected. Our membership October 31st last, the close of our Capitular year, was ,2,126, being a clear increase, over all losses, of eighty-three, which, considering there have been fifty-six suspensions for non-payment of dues, (quite a number being on account of suspension in Lodge,) twenty-six deaths, and thirty-nine dimittals, would show a steady growth in our Subordinate Chapters.

The new Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized, but for want of sufficient evidence, the committee on Jurisprudence did not feel warranted in recommending the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

Comp. W. R. Singleton again reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1893.

George H. Walker, (Washington,) G. H. P.

Lewis G. Stephens, (Washington,) G. S.

Georgia

Seventy-first Convocation, Atlanta, April 26, 1893.

James W. Taylor, G. H. P.

The frequency of applying for dispensations to elect officers, and confer the degrees out of time has greatly diminished. Four new chapters were organized, and one revived.

A standard Code of By-laws was adopted for the use of subordinate chapters.

The committee on ritual was continued till next year, when it is expected a final report will be ready.

They have 75 chapters and 3121 members, a gain of 374.

Comp. W. S. Ramsay has an excellent report on Correspondence, in which there is a good notice of our Proceedings for 1891. In his concluding remarks he says:

A few subjects of minor importance engaged the attention of the thoughtful mind, upon which the jurisdictions reviewed are

not in full accord. In calling attention to these I have kept before my mind the practice in our own jurisdiction, and have compared them. The following are the most prominent :

1. Relation of Grand Chapters to General Grand Chapter.
2. Power and Scope of the General Grand Chapter.
3. Suspension for non-payment of Dues.
4. Powers of Chapters Under Dispensation.
5. What Defects Disqualify.
6. Limitations of Prerogatives.
7. Duties of Correspondence Committees.
8. Recording Marks.
9. Life Membership.
10. Co-existent Membership.
11. Use of Substitutes.

James W. Taylor, (Lutherville,) G. H. P.

Andrew M. Wolihin, (Macon,) G. S.

Illinois.

Forty-fourth Convocation, Chicago, Oct. 26, 1893.

Richard T. Higgins, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft he says :

Notwithstanding the great upheaval and confusion in the business interests thought our State and country, and especially trying ordeal through which we have passed during the last few months, yet Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been in a most encouraging and prosperous condition.

Comp. Charles H. Patton was nominated as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to fill the vancy causad by the disability of Comp. Archibald McLellan. He subsequently presented his credentials and was duly received with the Grand Honors.

Six new chapters were organized during the year.

They have 180 chapters and 15,388 members, gain 556.

A proposal to reduce per capita tax from sixty cents to fifty cents was negatived.

A skeleton form of Minutes for the use of subordinate chapters was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is again presented by Comp. John M. Pearson, and 55 volumes of Proceedings are reviewed in his usual able manner. In his notice of our Proceedings for 1893 he quotes all our action with reference to our chapters in Australia, and to the Grand chapter of Victoria, and then says :

As we have, for several years, traced the history of this unhappy state of affairs, we have thought what a good thing it would have been if the American Doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction had been adopted by the older governing bodies. All the troubles that have disgraced us, as Masons have sprung from the violation of this principle. What a disgraceful time we ourselves would have had, had we been unwilling to yield this right to all our neighbors. In the present aspect of the case we cannot recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, because,—well, we won't say why,—we really wish we could, consistently.

Commenting on the lack of interest in Capitular Masonry in many places, he has the following sensible remarks :

In spite of all the encouraging reports of retiring Grand High Priests, with few exceptions from Nova Scotia to Washington, by the long circuit of Louisiana and Texas, the story told is one of quiet and indifference. Remedies have been suggested by many, of the Grand High Priests, such as qualified officers, perfection in ritual, punctuality in payment of dues, etc., etc. These are all good so far as they go, but in our opinion they do not go far enough. It has been recommended to adopt the customs of the modern club, so far as possible, but, outside of our cities, we do not think this practicable, and in cities various clubs exist better adapted to the taste of the various members. Where lies the trouble? We have, we think, said before, that in our mind, our great trouble is that “we haven't anything to do” except to confer degrees. We lay no corner stones, dedicate no halls, nor do we bury our dead. We escort nobody, and this morning we have read a decision, approved, by which we cannot appear in procession for anything. We mean by this that we have no public life. The work of charity is almost exclusively done by the symbolic lodge, and there is very little to be done, distinctly our own, except as stated, to confer degrees. In this practical age, and among an active, practical people, one “must *do* something” in order to live and command respect. What shall be done? What can we do? Why, Companions, opportunities lie all around us. It only needs the will to avail ourselves of them. If we do not somebody else will, and we shall be left to enjoy inglorious ease and die.

J. W. Hutchinson, (Greenfield,) G. H. P.

Gil. W. Barnard, (Chicago,) G. S.

Indiana.

Forty-eighth Convocation, Indianapolis, Oct. 18th, 1893.

This jurisdiction has been sorely afflicted during the year, having lost by death their two chief officers, Edward S. Ross, G. H. P., and LeGrange Severance,

D. G. H. P. They were both distinguished for their many virtues, their intelligence, their efficiency and their zeal.

Three new chapters were formed.

The following is the unique report of the committee on Grievances and Appeals :

Past Grand High Priest Christian Fetta read and submitted the following report

ON DISCORD, BICKERING & CO. *vs* PEACE AND HARMONY :

This is a case that has been before this Grand Chapter the past two years—at this time ninety witnesses (Subordinate chapters) have been introduced—out of this number the plaintiffs submit the evidence of one chapter, No. 68. This witness has utterly failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter (being afflicted with the “Dry Rot”) on the other hand we have the testimony of eighty-nine live and prosperous chapters.

We, your committee do decide and most cheerfully concur in the concluding remarks of our excellent, acting Grand High Priest, which says ; “There is not a single ripple of discord, nor a discordant speck to mar the sky. There is nothing to indicate the lack of that perfect harmony, peace and good will which has so long prevailed in this jurisdiction.”

The rules were amended to provide that a companion-suspended by his lodge and subsequently restored, shall thereby be restored to membership in his chapter.

They have 89 chapters and 6196 members, gain 300.

Comp. Thomas B. Long presented his eleventh report on Correspondence. It covers 200 pages, and ably discusses all the important matters, as witness the following extracts :

He also decided—in the absence of local law on the subject—that “a First Principal (High Priest) of a chapter, who had served partly under dispensation and partly under a warrant, but whose term of service did not extend to a full year, was entitled to his past rank.” His service as presiding officer of a chapter under dispensation should cut no figure in this question, because such service would not entitle him to such rank, but the true principle is that his election and installation to the first office of a chartered Body, and any period of service whatever thereunder—though it be nothing beyond his simple investiture—entitles him to the rank of such past officer. It is true that some Grand Jurisdictions have required, by effective—though not suitable—legislation, the service of one full term of office as the subsequent foundation of such rank, but any such legislation is unjust, to say nothing worse of it. One duly elected and installed might serve for less than a full term, and then through enforced change of residence, or because of serious illness, conscientiously resign the office whose

duties he could no longer perform ; and that he should thereby be deprived of a rank and an honor very dearly prized in Masonry must strike every fair-minded man as a condition of injustice and absolute wrong.

The first of these propositions is commendable, but the writer believes with Companion Mayo, of Missouri, that the Most Excellent Master's degree, conferred with ample ceremonies, is one of the most beautiful of all the grades of Masonry. Nothing that pertains to its sublime subject, the completion and dedication of the Temple, that can consistently be portrayed should be omitted, much less should its ceremonies be curtailed of the impressive features of the solemn procession, the seating of the Ark, the placing of the Keystone, and their magnificent culmination.

The Grand Mark Lodge of England is not, and can not be, the peer of any Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons ; and therefore it is both impracticable and impossible that it can have any representative to and in a Grand Royal Arch Chapter anywhere. It is constituted in England upon but one of the degrees of the American Capitular system, and has no connection whatever with the Royal Arch, which degree is there given under control of the Grand Lodge, by its subordinate Lodges, as the completion of the third degree ; consequently the officers and members and constituents of this Grand Body of Mark Master Masons can not Masonically know anything whatever about the Royal Arch. There is absolutely no parity between the Grand Mark Lodge and a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the very idea of their having a Representative present in a Grand Body when neither their officers nor members, as such, would be permitted to enter one of its constituent and subordinate chapters is as farciful as it is impossible. As a matter of the merest courtesy the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in 1877, recognized the Grand Mark Lodge "as the rightful and supreme authority over the degree of M. M. M. in England and Wales, and those Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in which no existing Grand Body claims jurisdiction over that degree."

The words here quoted not only show the limit of this recognition, but refute every idea of a parity between it and the General Grand Chapter, which the constituent element of these respective bodies wholly forbid, as the latter contains in its curriculum three degrees successively higher than the one—and the one alone—which it has thus recognized the Grand Mark Lodge to be in lawful possession of in England and Wales, and certain Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. But England has Colonies that were not included in this limited recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge by our General Grand Chapter ; Colonies in which the American System of Capitular Masonry had been adopted, and the American principle of independant and exclusive territorial sovereignty had been established by lawful occupancy, long before the Grand Mark Lodge was formed. The Grand Mark Lodge, however, after officially recognizing the Grand Chapter of Quebec—working under the American System of Capitular Masonry—invaded its

jurisdiction by chartering, at some time about 1882 and 1883, two Lodges of Mark Master Masons in the City of Montreal, and by establishing immediately afterwards, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Province comprising the Masonic territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. This invasion of lawfully established territorial sovereignty, and the consequent defiance of the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction through prior occupancy, was, of course, indignantly and vigorously resented and resisted by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and the controversy that followed enlisted the sympathy and moral support of all the Grand Chapters of the United States, in behalf of their wronged and outraged Canadian sister. The contest that followed will not soon be forgotten by Masonic readers and observers; and indeed between the actual parties it is not yet ended, though it now presents the phase of truce rather than of combat. The sympathetic aspect of it on the part of the State Grand Chapters, reached, as it necessarily must, the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial Convocation, in 1883, when the action by which the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc. had been recognized, even to this limited extent, was rescinded.

In his review of Canada for 1893, he thinks that our allowing dual membership is wrong, but we have found very little trouble with it and some times positive advantage. As to Past Rank, our Constitution only gives that to those who have served a full year, and we can see no injustice as all are treated alike. The exceptional cases mentioned by Comp. Long are very unlikely to occur. Illness would not necessarily cause a resignation, and removal from the jurisdiction occurs so seldom that it would not be worth while to provide specially for that, or to be unfair to those who have served the full time and who have justly earned their rank.

Orland W. Brownback, (Pendleton,) G. H. P.

William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis,) G. S.

Indian Territory.

Fifth Convocation, McAlester, August 10th, 1893.

Walter N. Evans, G. H. P.

In 1892 the time of meeting was changed from August to February, and in February, 1893, it was changed back again to August, so they have had three regular Convocations inside of a year.

The Grand High Priest reports peace and harmony prevailing and three new chapters formed.

A resolution prohibiting the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. degree was negatived.

They have 12 chapters and 325 members, a gain of 67.

Leo. E. Bennett, (Muskogee,) G. H. P.

Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka,) G. S.

Iowa.

Fortieth Convocation, Waterloo, Oct. 12, 1893.

Clinton S. Fletcher, G. H. P.

In the paragraphs of his address which refer to the state of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, we find the following :

Generally, throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, the pulse of Capitular Masonry has a strong, healthy and vigorous beat. There are locations, however, where there seems to be a calmness of mind and serenity of disposition and inclination that I am inclined to doubt if so powerful a force as dynamite could ruffle them. To announce that almost universal peace and harmony prevails among the craft would be stating the proposition fairly, and would lead one to joyfully exclaim : "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Peace and harmony, however, may be attributed to several causes. With us it may be due to a thorough knowledge of the ritual and its proper application by zealous and enthusiastic workers in live and prosperous chapters, or it may be due to a want of knowledge, a lack of desire for knowledge, or a lack of interest by members who are, unfortunately, blessed with that apathy that never arouses in them sufficient action to hold a meeting or confer a degree. I would that I could report a lack of harmony caused by an honest difference of opinion in the wording and in the application of the ritual amongst the companions in a number of chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, where sufficient interest should be aroused to incite them to harmonious discord in a desire to learn the tenets and principles of the order and to keep the chapter alive and thrifty. If therefore, in my zeal for the good of the craft, and in my desire to restore to life and activity a number of the chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and promote the general growth of Capitular Masonry, I should propose any measures that seem harsh, tyrannical, and beyond the pale of Masonic teachings and usage, I am only recommending the use of such necessary power as will command the support and activity that I feel one Masonic body owes to another. I feel that every chapter within this jurisdiction owes a duty to the Grand Chapter and to the seven thousand Royal Arch Masons within its confines—to not be a drone and a sluggard, but stand forth and do battle for the order, its teachings, its life, its activity, and its standing as a teacher and instructor upon a plane not below that of any other institution in existence. If the time ever

comes when the companions of any chapter cannot, do not desire to, or will not keep the standing of a chapter up to this plane, I believe its days of usefulness are past, and the sooner it disbands the better it will be for the good of the craft and the fair reputation of the order.

The Grand High Priest issued a circular to every chapter containing 19 questions relative to the internal economy, ritual and attendance in each chapter. After considerable correspondence, he succeeded in getting replies from every chapter, and answers to nearly all the questions, which furnished an ample subject for comparison and reflection. Desiring additional light, he issued another circular, containing 19 more questions, but received replies from only one-half of the chapters. Then he asked two more questions with about the same result. Probably the companions commenced to think that the "Grand Inquisitor-General" wanted to know altogether too much.

Their Constitution provides that no chapter "shall ever become or remain a corporation or body corporate." The Grand High Priest found that 19 chapters had not cancelled their articles of incorporation, and he says :

Some of them promised to proceed at once to dissolve the corporation, while others asked to be permitted to remain incorporated, claiming that some dissension has existed in time past when the matter had been brought up in chapter for discussion, and it was feared that a rupture would be caused if it were brought up again. As near as I am able to learn, the chapter has been used as a cat's-paw for both Lodge and Commandry. In several cases the chapter has been incorporated for the purpose of holding title to real estate for itself, *and in trust for the Lodge and Commandry*. The companions claim that it is much more convenient and satisfactory to deal as a corporation with the owners of real estate than it is or would be to deal as a society with the landlords. I have heard no complaint from any of the remaining ninety-four chapters that they have had any difficulty by reason of not being incorporated. I have not been advised that a single chapter of the nineteen has as yet complied with my suggestions to dissolve their incorporation, I can see no reason or necessity for any chapter to remain a body corporate, *and our Masonic laws prohibit it*. They can make all necessary contracts, enforce every right, and seek redress for every wrong as well without a corporate existence as with one. I report them to you for your consideration and determination.

In future the chapters are required to report the number of meetings held in each year, and the amount of uncollected dues.

They have 113 chapters and 6855 members, an increase of 210.

It was recommended that the Grand Representative appointments be discontinued at the expiration of the commissions now in force.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack. In his notice of Canada for 1893, he says :

Books may be divided into two classes, as to their readableness. On opening a book of the first class a voice is heard from the open pages, "read me". On opening one of the other class, the voice is, "shut me up!"

The volume before us is emphatically one of the second class. Every one connected with the mechanical department, from the rack picker, the type-founder, to the proof-reader, seem to unite in the invitation—"shut me up." Sheets crowded with small type are intensely forbidding, and it is by dint of willing and wonting that we shall dig a few statements out of these nonpareil pages.

Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation, Ottawa, July 21st, 1893. Most Excellent Companion J. E. Harding was the Z. Credential roll Complete. Iowa's Canadian spokesman is stated to be "Right Excellent Companion George J. Bennett as Grand Scribe N.:" As he seems to have had nothing to say, doubtless he was model scribe.

All the chapters were visited during the year by an official who took notes and printed them. The printer did them *fine*.

We have caught a remark in one place that seems to indicate that some Canadian has read these notes, or pretended to. He ventures the opinion that the reports are satisfactory. That Companion knew that no one would ever follow in his tracks and thus be able to deny his statements.

The above is slightly unjust to the Iowa Representative, R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, whose magnificent report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada was received with delight by all the companions in our Grand Chapter, and we notice that in many other Proceedings it was very highly spoken of and quoted from. With the resumption of larger type in our books, it is not probable that the same mistake will occur again.

Frederick W. Craig, (Des Moines) G. H. P.

Alfred Wingate, (Des Moines,) G. S.

Kansas.

Twenty-eighth Convocation, Hutchinson, February 13, 1893.

John C. Postlethwaite, G. H. P.

He made the following decisions :

1. When a Mark Master Mason, hailing from the jurisdiction of a Mark Master Mason lodge of England petitions for the degrees of Capitular Masonry, it is not necessary to obtain a waiver of jurisdiction of the chapter in whose jurisdiction the Mark Master lodge was situated. Mark Master lodges of England being separate and distinct organizations.

2. The serving of beer or other intoxicants, at banquets under the auspices of the chapter, is in direct violation of the principles of our Order.

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Home was passed :

Your committee appointed to confer with like committees from other Grand Bodies relative to the founding of a Masonic Home, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report :

At a preliminary meeting of the joint committees held at Clay Center, Nov. 24th, 1892, under discussion of the general question of ways and means, it was decided to address a communication to each of the subordinate Masonic bodies in the state, calling upon them to signify their willingness to assist in the enterprise, by pledging a certain sum for immediate use in the work. Up to this time not more than one-third of the constituent bodies so addressed have made reply. Notwithstanding which, your committee are now able to lay before you the following very encouraging and satisfactory summary of their responses :

Actual pledges, 150 subordinate lodges	\$ 6,515 50
Contingent pledges, 19 subordinate bodies.....	1,560 00
Actual pledges, 10 subordinate chapters.....	2,080 00
Actual pledges, 10 subordinate commanderies and miscellaneous	1,125 00
Actual pledges, 13 subordinate chapters, O. E. S.....	370 00

Making a grand total of.....\$11,650 50

In view of the willingness shown by the fraternity to co-operate in the work, and the liberality of the donations offered, the committee have decided to recommend the establishment of a Home, under the following general conditions :

The name of the institution shall be called the "Masonic Home of Kansas." That it shall be under the control of a board of seventeen trustees or directors, composed as follows: Nine members to be appointed from the Grand Lodge; two members from the Grand Chapter; two from the Grand Commandery; one from the Grand Council; two from the Grand Chapter Order of

Eastern Star, and one from the Scottish Rite bodies. Such appointments to be made by the Council of Administration of their respective Grand Bodies, and the officers of such board to consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

As a means of placing the work immediately in line, the joint committee have decided to recommend to the *Grand Lodge* an increase in the Grand Lodge Dues of one dollar annually for five years, which amount is to be transferred to the Masonic Home Fund.

In conclusion, your committee would congratulate the Grand Body upon the interest and favor manifested by the subordinate chapters in this beneficent project, and would respectfully recommend that such a sum as may be available be appropriated from the General Fund of the Grand Chapter to aid in the great and glorious work.

They have 77 chapters and 4699 members, an increase of 305.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1892.

Bestor G. Brown, (Topeka,) G. H. P.

John H. Brown, (Kansas City,) G. S.

Kentucky.

Seventy-eighth Convocation, Louisville, Oct. 17, 1893.

Campbell H. Johnson, G. H. P.

In their "Home" there are 215 children and 21 widows. Three new chapters were formed.

The following report on the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England was adopted :

Your committee on Fraternal Correspondence would respectfully report, that on page 27 of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1892, there has been referred to it that part of the Grand High Priest's address, which recommends an exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., and beg leave to say: That at the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter held at the city of Buffalo, New York, in 1877, after a spirited and hotly contested debate among the giants of the General Grand Chapter the said Grand Mark Lodge was accorded fraternal recognition.

In 1878 fraternal relations were established between the said Grand Mark Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Quebec. In 1882 said Grand Mark Lodge, in direct violation of its compact with the Grand Chapter of Quebec, established Lodges of Mark Masters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and following the action of forming the Lodges organized a Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter of Quebec protested, and appealed to

the Masonic Capitular world for a vindication of the "American doctrine," which is exclusive Sovereignty over a given territory. Many of the Grand Chapters of the United States and Canada severed relations with said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on account of said infringement.

In 1886, at the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter held in Washington, D. C., after another spirited debate, the General Grand Chapter rescinded the resolution of recognition had in 1877. This action was taken because of the bad treatment of the Grand Mark Lodge towards the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Your Committee is informed that there is no connection whatever between the Grand Mark Lodge and the English Royal Arch, nor is there any similarity between the English Mark degree and that practiced in the Chapter System in this country, as well as in Canada.

We do not need any more complications, and are opposed to the recognition of Bodies who openly establish Bodies in territory already occupied by sovereign Grand Bodies holding to similar tenets. In other words, who openly violate the American doctrine, and believe that other Masonic Bodies have no rights which the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c. is bound to respect.

In view of the fact that it has been repudiated by the Governing Body of Royal Arch Masons for the large majority of the jurisdictions of the United States, your committee are of the opinion that it would be disrespectful to the General Grand Chapter to whom this Grand Chapter owes allegiance, for the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to extend recognition to said Grand Mark Lodge.

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky declines to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., consequently declines to solicit any exchange of Grand Representatives.

They have 59 chapters making returns, and 19 making no returns.

The number of members is 2671, being an increase during the year of 92. Through the failure of a bank, they are short of funds, and amongst other necessary economies the report on Correspondence is to be discontinued for a few years.

Canada for 1893 receives a very favorable notice at the hands of Comp James W. Staton, although he does not like our dual membership, nor the reduction in the fees for degrees. He also says that the seating of the Ark and the placing of the Cape-stone is the most interesting part of M. E. M. degree, and that the beauty

of the degree will be destroyed if those items are eliminated.

William P. Coons, (Maysville,) G. H. P.

Henry B. Grant, (Louisville,) G. S.

Louisiana.

Forty-seventh Convocation, New Orleans, Feb. 13, 1894.

George J. Pinckard, G. H. P.

We are glad to learn that continued prosperity prevails in this jurisdiction. All the subordinate chapters have been heard from, and notwithstanding their stringent financial depression, the gain in membership was 100. They have 18 chapters and 865 members.

The new Rituals of the General Grand Chapter were ordered to be distributed, and the matter of adopting the same was left over until the next meeting.

The Grand Chapter dues were reduced from \$2 to \$1 for each degree conferred by subordinate chapters.

Comp. Herman C. Duncan again reports on Correspondence. In his notice of our proceedings for 1893, he says :

It seems to us that a grave error was thus committed in respect to the M. E. M. Degree. The omission is that of a material link in the Masonic story, to wit, the seating of the Ark. The calling of the Capstone, "the Keystone" may lead to confusion, but not more so than some ceremonies we have respecting the Keystone in the Mark Degree. We doubt if either is to be identified with the Keystone of the R. A., and the bringing into the work of two or three different Keystones may confuse some people, yet it is a confusion easily straightened out, and the lesson of completion and a great portion of the moral teaching of the M. E. M. are dependent upon the retention of that ceremony.

We also copy the remarks of Comp. Duncan on the proceedings in Victoria :

By reference to our last report it will be seen that a petition is before the Grand Chapter asking recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, and exchange of representatives and other courtesies usual between sovereign Grand bodies. We have information that the surmises of that report were well founded.

Previous to the organization of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, there were in the colony several chapters working under English

warrants, three under Canadian warrants, one under a Scotch, and one under an Irish warrant, the latter known as Washington Chapter.

The English chapters worked as attachments of the several Lodges respectively.

It seems that for some reason the supreme Grand Chapter of England deemed the warranting of the Canadian chapters as unconstitutional, and an act of invasion, "so much so that the members of their chapters in Victoria were ordered to discountenance the Canadians." But from what we shall presently quote as an English opinion, we are constrained to believe that there was a misunderstanding of the position of the Grand Chapter of England. Be that as it may, it appears that there has been much friction between the "English" and the "Canadians."

When the time came to organize the Grand Chapter of Victoria, the English proposed to the Canadians that they abandon their Canadian Warrants, unite with the Irish chapter, and that on their so doing, there should be a recognition of the ranks attained in the Canadian chapters, and that there should be no expenses for fees.

It was understood by the Canadians that they should have a hearing, and at the time of the organization of the Grand Chapter a number of them attended in the ante-room, and were each and all refused admittance to the meeting, no opportunity having been given them to come, even as the English proposed, that is, as members of the Irish chapter.

Of the transactions of that meeting, the *Argus*, a newspaper of Melbourne, said, evidently by authority: "The special Convocation was held in the Freemason's Hall, whither those belonging to the Order repaired after the Grand Lodge ceremonies were over. There was a large attendance. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria was formally inaugurated and proclaimed. M. E. Comps. Sir William Claude and George Baker, by virtue of their rank in the Grand Lodge, assumed the positions of First and Second Grand Principals and M. E. Comp. John James, was elected to the office of Third Grand Principal."

From this it appears that the assembly was not made up of representatives of chapters, but was simply a congregation of Royal Arch Masons, that it was not composed of Royal Arch Masons, resident in the Province, all the members of three chapters being expressly excluded, notwithstanding their application for admission; that but one of the officers was elected, the others having *assumed* their stations by virtue of certain positions in the Grand Lodge and on appointment of these.

Chief Justice Way, M. E. Grand Z., of South Australia, and E. Comp. Hunt, Deputy Grand Master, of New South Wales, are quoted as considering the position taken against the Canadians as illegal. R. E. Comp. Colonel Sheldwell Clark, Grand Scribe E., of England, is said to have expressed surprise "that Ex-Comp. T. H. Lempriere should have made such a palpable error in the

formation of his Grand Chapter as to refuse the Canadian chapters recognition."

The Grand Chapter of England has adopted a resolution, "that as the Craft Lodges in Victoria had severed their connection with the United Grand Lodge of England, and had formed a Grand Lodge of their own, the chapters be struck off the roll of the Grand Chapter." Yet, although thus taking cognizance of the actions in Victoria, there was no recognition of any Grand Body.

The Scotch Chapter still holds its former warrant, and the Grand Chapter of Scotland has recently warranted three new Mark Lodges, and has formed thereof a Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chapter of Canada, adhering to the doctrine of exclusive Grand Chapter jurisdiction, has recently warranted three new chapters, claiming the Grand Chapter of Victoria to be a nullity, and the territory free and open to all Grand Bodies.

At a recent date, it is also proper to note, that the Grand Chapter of Victoria adopted a resolution, agreeing to give full recognition to the Canadian Chapters, their officers, present and past, provided they would accept Victoria warrants and submit to the English Companions who had *Assumed the Offices*.

Under all these circumstances we were constrained to consider the Grand Chapter of Victoria to have been irregularly and unlawfully organized, and recommend that no recognition be accorded until such time as it shall have become the representative and governing body of all the chapters in the Province, or such unanimity be practically obtained.

A. C. Allen, (Franklin,) G. H. P.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans,) G. S.

Maine.

Sixty-eighth Convocation, Portland May 2nd, 1893.

Albert M. Penley, G. H. P.

The past year has been a quiet but prosperous one for Capitular Masonry in this State. The returns from the several subordinate chapters show that a large amount of work has been done. They have forty-nine chapters and 5231 members, being a gain of 141. Two new Chapters were formed,

The report on Correspondence was again presented by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond. Canada for 1892 receives due mention. In his notice of Massachusetts he puts very clearly the position of a resident of one of our jurisdictions who receives the degrees in a foreign land :

He asks us the following question :

“If a man applies for the degrees in a lodge in Maine, is rejected, and then goes to New Brunswick, for instance, and gets the degrees in a regular lodge there, is he not a clandestine mason? If not, what is he?”

Thirty years ago and more, we had that very question to meet here in Maine. We found that if we declared him clandestine, that did not *make* him so; the Grand Lodge “over the border” declared he was *not* clandestine; that Grand Lodge was the peer of our Grand Lodge, and we finally came to the conclusion that it was contrary to the law of Masonry for one Grand Lodge to declare the work of another Grand Lodge clandestine; and we didn’t do it; we feel obliged to answer Comp. Bowen’s question, “he is a regular mason.” If he had acted fraudulently, we would have complained to the Grand Lodge (then of England), had charges filed and had him expelled. If he had not, as was most frequently the case, we would complain of the lodge and protest; finally we prohibited the holding of any masonic communication with all such masons. We have since made that general; if a resident of Maine goes to Scotland and gets the degrees without our consent, and comes back, he cannot visit any lodge in Maine, or be recognized, unless the Grand Master or Grand Lodge shall otherwise order in any particular case.

We answer his question thus at length, because of its direct connection with the matter already discussed, as well as on account of the vast importance. What could be a greater insult to a Grand Chapter than to have its own work declared *clandestine* by a sister Grand Chapter?

Foreign Grand Bodies do not recognize the North-American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction over candidates. They are willing to confer the degrees and habitually do so, upon worthy men, no matter whether they live in the country or not, and there is nothing in their Constitutions to forbid their so doing. These Masons are not “clandestine,” they are regularly made Masons. We may refuse to admit them to our Masonic bodies, but that does not affect the regularity of their making. It is simply a personal intimation that the one so refused admission is in some way objectionable to our membership and it may be taken as a slight hint to the foreign bodies that we have a rule that makes a candidate apply where he is best known, and that we propose to have it observed as far as possible.

Albert M. Penley, (Auburn,) G. H. P.

Stephen Berry, (Portland,) G. S.

Maryland.

A special Convocation was held on September 18th, 1893, for the consecration of Oriental Hall, set apart for Royal Arch Masonry in the new Masonic Temple at Baltimore.

Ninety-sixth Convocation, Baltimore, Nov. 14th. 1893.
William Nash Young, G. H. P.

The chapters generally show a marked improvement in their condition over previous years. The Grand High Priest reports only one decision and then says :

It is very gratifying, however, that the presiding officers of our chapters are, for the most part, studious and intelligent Masons, possessing a fair knowledge of Masonic law and acquaintance with the decisions heretofore made by this Grand Body, and are prepared to adjudicate many questions which arise without calling upon the Grand High Priest. This is perhaps attributable to the careful reading by the High Priests of "Reports on Foreign Correspondence." These reports contain a fund of useful information, and are not only entertaining and instructive, but every conceivable question arising in chapters has been decided by some Grand High Priest and commented upon by the writers. There is no way in which Masonic light and knowledge is dispensed more effectively than through the medium of these reports ; those selected to prepare them are men of recognized ability, whose scholarly attainments and superior knowledge of Masonic history and jurisprudence well fit them for this important, yet not properly appreciated work. I would encourage the officers of chapters and the Craft generally, to read these "Reports on Foreign Correspondence," believing, if they do so, we will have more intelligent and better informed Masons.

He visited all the chapters except one. He suggests that the Grand Representatives should manifest their appreciation of the honors they hold, by regular attendance at the Grand Chapter and by transmitting a synopsis of its proceedings to the Grand Chapters they represent. He opened one new chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized.

They have 17 chapters and 1571 members, gain 59.

Comp. E. T. Schultz presented his eighteenth report on Correspondence. Our proceedings were not received. On chapter membership *vs.* lodge membership, he well says :

We can well understand that "the whole theory" of the

advocates for enforced or dependant membership is the desire to "maintain the Lodge in its strength," but does the "take you by the throat process" fulfill such desire? We believe it does not. Companions who can only be made to do their duty to the Lodge by compulsion are not likely to add any *strength* thereto.

During our Masonic experience of nearly forty years, we have known more than one instance in which Companions were active and zealous workers in the chapter, but who took no interest whatever in the Lodge. It certainly never entered the minds of the Companions who were receiving the benefit of such services that it was "*Masonically wrong*" to do so.

William E. Arnold, (Baltimore,) G. H. P.

George L. McCahan, (Baltimore,) G. S.

Massachusetts.

Ninety-fifth Convocation, Boston, Dec. 12, 1893.

J. Albert Blake, G. H. P.

The year has been prosperous, notwithstanding the great financial depression which has for months blocked the wheels of industry. The District Exemplifications received unanimous approval. It has been thought advisable to omit the reports of the Deputies from the printed Proceedings.

They have 74 chapters and 12,742 members, gain 464.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Seranus Bowen, reviewing the Proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters in 142 pages. On the subject of uniformity in the work, he has the following sensible remarks in his notice of Arizona:

He thinks the ritual of the General Grand Chapter should be made obligatory on the several Grand Chapters. It would never have been adopted at all but for the express understanding that it was not to be obligatory. The question of absolute uniformity in all the muntiae of the ritual through the United States is one on which a vast amount of nonsense has been written. There is not a Grand Chapter in the country to-day, whether it uses the General Grand Chapter ritual or not, where there are not as many variations from a literal word for word correctness of rendition as there are Chapters in the jurisdiction. We served many years as Grand Lecturer in this State, and have put much hard and earnest labor into producing uniformity of work among our Chapters. But as long as men are constituted as they are, they will vary in their rendition of any ritual whatever. And until one jurisdiction can come forward and say with truth that its subordinates work alike with absolute exactness, it is not wise

to to keep this bone of contention to the front so constantly. So long as we have practical uniformity in essentials, let the Grand Chapters administer their own internal affairs in the way that is best suited to their locality. We of Massachusetts have no disposition whatever to dictate how the dramatic portions of the degrees shall be filled-in in Arizona. Because in the Subordinate Chapter of which we are a member a brazen scaffold is most effectively used in the Most Excellent Degree, we do not desire to force all the other chapters to use it.

No, Companions, the most unwise thing that could be done would be to send out a printed ritual and attempt to compel the State Grand Chapters to enforce its use. Our experience with teaching ritual has shown that those parts that are printed and accessible to everybody—the so-called “monitorial parts”—are the ones that are much more inaccurately rendered than the secret work. In other words, fix your ritual so that a man does not have to *work* to memorize it, and he will rarely commit it accurately. The best thing that can be done with the ritual is to stop this constant tinkering with it, and let it alone.

Canada for 1893 receives favorable mention.

On music and singing in the degrees he says :

We believe in the beauty and utility of music properly introduced in the working of Masonic Degrees ; but in certain portions of the work we are strongly opposed to having the singing done by a quartette, though the execution of the music may be much better than where the singing is done by the congregation. But in the work of the Mark and Most Excellent degrees the “Mark Master’s Song” and “Most Excellent Master’s Song” should be sung by the entire congregation. The strong point of each of these degrees is, that every one is taking part in the ceremonies at the time the singing is in progress. The prime object should always be to give an effective and intelligent rendering of the degrees, and not to allow it to degenerate into the giving of a concert with the degrees thrown in as a sort of a “chromo.”

J. Gilman Waite, (Medford,) G. H. P.

Seranus Bowen, (Boston,) G. S.

Michigan.

Forty-fifth Convocation, Saginaw, January 16, 1894.

Charles R. Baggs, G. H. P.

The death was announced of their most prominent member, William P. Innes, Grand Secretary and P. G. H. P., P. G. M., &c. Comp. Innes was, for over 25 years, one of the foremost Masons in all the departments of Masonry, and his death will cause a void not easily filled. He was Chairman of Correspondence for a long period, and his reports were always full of interest. We

extend our sympathy to our Companions in Michigan in the loss they have sustained.

Three new chapters were formed, one of which in Detroit starts with no less than 149 charter members. They have 124 chapters and 10,968 members. being an increase of 482. The Grand Secretary says:

Munroe Chapter No. 1 has exalted '99 Companions in the year and has also won the enviable record of doing the greatest day's work recorded in the history of Capitular Masonry, having exalted 36 Companions in one day, on November 16th last. The highest number recorded as exalted in one day previous to this, was 33, so Munroe Chapter No. 1, now stands as champion of the world in this respect. But Michigan's reasons for congratulation do not end here, for we have also broken the record in the number exalted in a single chapter in any one year. Peninsular Chapter No. 16 has exalted 126 Companions during the past year, thus eclipsing her great record of 108 in the year previous, and surpassing the highest recorded number exalted in a year in any chapter in the world, 110 being the greatest number before this. Thus the City of Detroit enjoys the proud distinction of having the two chapters with the highest record for work in these two directions of all Royal Arch Chapters in existence. Great is Detroit, and Great are Munroe and Peninsular Chapters.

New South Wales and Victoria were both recognized.

Comp. Jefferson S. Conover reports on Correspondence, (144 pages,) and has a good notice of our Proceedings for 1893.

James H. Cummins, (Holly,) G. H. P.

Jefferson S. Conover, (Coldwater,) G. S.

Minnesota.

Thirty-second Convocation, St. Paul, Oct. 10th 1893.

Isaac P. Durfee, G. H. P.

On the subject of visitations he says:

Soon after the close of the last session I appointed Grand Visitors for each of the ten districts into which the state had been divided. Some of these Companions have done efficient work, others have not been able to make visits on account of the pressure of private business, and others have not visited because of the want of interest in the chapters, they seemingly not being desirous of a visit from the Grand Visitor; the result being fewer chapters visited during the year than I had hoped for.

Companion High Priests, much depends upon you whether the system of district visitation is of any benefit to the chapters and Royal Arch Masonry. A chapter cannot always have work when the Grand Visitor notifies it that he will visit it officially,

but the chapter can be convened, the visitor, who is the proxy of the Grand High Priest for the time, received, the efficiency of the officers in the ritual reviewed, and much be done to increase the interest and strengthen the chapter.

Three new chapters were formed.

In this jurisdiction the incorporation of chapters is not prohibited by Masonic law and the advisability of so doing is left to the discretion of each subordinate. We think that they are far better without it. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That before any subordinate chapter shall hereafter become incorporated under the laws of this state, such chapter shall cause all the members thereof to be regularly summoned to attend at a regular convocation thereof, at which the question of incorporation is to be voted upon, and at such convocation, if a majority of those present and voting shall vote in favor of incorporation, such chapter may incorporate in due form of law, but if a majority of those present and voting shall vote against incorporation, such chapter shall not incorporate, nor can the question be again voted upon until the expiration of six months thereafter.

They have 57 chapters and 4329 members, an increase of 178.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1892 and 1893.

William P. Jewett, (St. Paul,) G. H. P.

Thos. Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. S.

Mississippi.

Forty-fifth Convocation, Natchez, Feb, 7, 1893.

P. M. Savery, G. H. P.

We quote his remarks on Dispensations and Decisions:

A large majority of the chapters reporting are enjoying unusual prosperity. The concluding remarks of Comp. Savery are very excellent and are well worthy of perusal and consideration:

Several applications made for dispensations to receive petitions, ballot and confer degrees on applicant at one and the same Convocations. Some of these applications were very urgent and backed up by some of the strongest sticklers for Capitular Law in Mississippi. Appeals were made that it was for the *interest* of the Craft, and the petitioners might have truthfully added—and for the *interest* of the Order of Knighthood, specially.

My sympathy as a Knight Templar was with petitioners for Dispensation, but under the Mississippi law, the prohibition is so positive that such dispensations could not be granted. One Companion wrote: "*We intended to have that restriction removed at last Grand Convocation.*" Nevertheless it was not done, and even now I cannot recommend a complete abrogation of the present restrictions. We do not think any Dispensations should be granted *for the convenience of a candidate*. If the Degrees are worth anything they are to be conferred for instruction derived therefrom, and not as a prerequisite to succeeding Degrees or Orders.

Dispensations might with propriety be granted for the welfare of the chapter, in exemplification of the work and rehearsal of Lectures by Grand Lecturer, or one of his Special Deputies, and I fraternally recommend that the Committee on Capitular Law be requested to so amend and report the statutes that a Dispensation may be granted for the purpose referred to when necessary for the exemplification of the work in presence of the Grand High Priest, his Special Deputy, or the Grand Lecturer, and for no other cause. In some Grand Jurisdictions fees are charged for Dispensations, the amount being paid into the Grand Treasury. We do not recommend a fee for such Dispensation. We submit, it is unnecessary—the object being to circumscribe the right to Dispensation to actual necessities of the *Craft*, and not desires of the *candidate*.

DECISIONS.

1. Substitutes allowed by General Grand Chapter—permitted by Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in cases of emergency. High Priest of Chapter sole judge of emergency, and responsible for abuse of his power to Grand Chapter.

2. There is no limit to number of substitutes a High Priest in his discretion may allow. He is only circumscribed by his O. B. as a R. A. M.

3. General Grand Chapter requires petitioner for Capitular Degrees to be an affiliated Master Mason before he can be advanced or exalted; but there is no law in Mississippi that requires a R. A. Mason to remain an affiliated Master Mason after his exaltation. Nevertheless, take away the foundation, and the building is in imminent danger of a fall. An R. A. Mason who is an unaffiliated Master Mason is like unto a soldier in battle, who has a gun but no ammunition—good to count one in *show*, but worthless in *conflict*.

4. There is no special statute or regulation of the Grand Chapter that positively prohibits a Companion from engaging in saloon keeping as principal or employe, but under the statutes of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons of Mississippi, the act is prohibited under severe penalties. As a non-affiliated Master Mason is liable to charges, trial conviction and penalty in Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, *and it is impossible to remove beyond the jurisdiction of some lodge*, and as the sentence of such a Lodge would most effectually settle his status, not only as

a M. M. but as a R. A. M., we fraternally suggest the old lesson of "edge tools" as applicable to the case.

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It is the chapters whose officers can perform the Work and give the Lectures that are prospering. Every chapter that has expended ten dollars for Masonic Light has been amply repaid, and in some instances two hundred fold.

Among the suggestions made looking to greater interest in Capitular Masonry are the following: "Require the officers to learn the Work or step down and out." "Proficiency in Work." "Acknowledge Principles and acquire practical knowledge of the Work." "Let no High Priest be installed unless he is competent to perform the Adopted Work and give Lectures in full." "Regular attendance; one thoughtless absentee prevents a meeting for want of a quorum." "If possible, get all the old men out of office, and elect young ones who will promise to fill them and have brains enough to carry out their good intentions." "Expel every R. A. Mason who gets drunk and uses profane language in his everyday conversation, and suspend charter of all chapters that neglect or refuse to bring offenders to trial." "Masonic Lectures should stir up the Craft on the subject of Masonic Home." "Except in cities, there should be but one chapter in a county."

Now, my Companions, the suggestions just read are each and all from some High Priest in this Grand Jurisdiction. There are quite a number of other reports that have the same recommendations. So, it seems, all agree that the Work and Lectures must be learned and communicated to good and faithful Companions.

It is said that Collingwood never saw a vacant space on his estate, but he took an acorn out of his pocket and popped it in. An acorn costs nothing, but it may sprout and grow into a mighty oak, valuable for its timber, or for the shade of its foliage. We need to utilize our acorns of Ritual. Whenever we find a Companion omitting in genuine Ritual an instructive lesson, put down an acorn there and then.

We favor a salaried Grand Lecturer that will plant acorns and not cactus seed, and give the Craft the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction in its *purity, excellence* and *entirety*. Let the Grand Lecturer go forth unfettered in his work—vote and pay him an ample salary, so that he can devote all his time to instruction of the Craft. I believe that such an act would replenish the depleted coffers of the Grand Treasury and the Treasuries of Subordinate Chapters to such an extent that the investment will be found exceedingly profitable. We unhesitatingly assert that there are High Priests who cannot teach their respective chapters the adopted work or even its essentials. They no doubt think they can, and are responsible for the apathy of their chapters. No wonder some seldom have a quorum for work, The O. B. of a M. E. M. seems to have been forgotten.

If you are in possession of the true work teach it to others; give them a glimpse of the beauty and grandeur that has been discovered and brought up with toil and diligence. Let each Representative in this Grand Chapter resolve that he will do his duty the coming year in disseminating Masonic Light to the Companions, and if his oil has become exhausted, or can give but a feeble light, let him see that 'tis replenished from the custodian tank, and I predict my successor in the sanctuary will be astonished as well as delighted with the result.

Masonry in the golden days of the 19th century is work in the quarries and vaults of wisdom seeking pearls of inestimable value which we know are concealed under the rubbish of ignorance.

Speculative Masonry with a magic wand directs its votaries to the mirror in which the enlightened Mason sees the perfection of his work, and innumerable symbols are beheld which impress upon the mind the grand truths and sublime revelations of the Masonic Craft.

No wonder that some chapters have no life in them when 'tis known that their High Priest offers strange ritualistic fire upon the altar. He imparts no instruction, for the ritual he uses is a conglomeration of crude forms filled with emptiness—ashes of the beautiful ritual instead of its burning coals. No incense arises, for there is no fire to ignite it; the bread he offers the Craft is indeed a stone—one crushing out all the zeal and the love of those who if they had opportunity would gladly sit at the feet of Wisdom and learn. He who would have disciples of intelligent beings must understand the lessons he teaches—not the ritual alone but the lectures that explain it.

Companions, We are reminded that within the corporate limits of this beautiful city there is a jewel of great price.

Sculptors with chisel indent in marble the story of charity—bronze letters moulded into expressions of fraternal love adorn many a statue—but Masonic charity, silent and still as the growth of the flower, is wonderful in its results. Masons indent their lessons on the hearts of their fellow-craftsmen—mould the character of their brethren by example and precept into more enduring monuments than bronze or stone; it is more like flowers kissed by the dew of heavenly love, fresh from the breath of the Great Creator. Masons of Mississippi *ought* to love and *do* love this Orphans' Home, and we are proud of the fact that this institution has for many years past received an annual donation from the Grand Lodge of which we are all members. If there is any surplus in the treasury of the Grand Chapter, let us help the orphans. May the God of our fathers bless the institution, its managers and inmates, and bless the charity bestowed to the present and future good of the giver and the recipient, and let us remember—

“Kindly deeds, unseen, unknown,
Dropped in darkness—trampled down,
Lost, are they? Not one—not one
Each shall shine in some one's crown.”

The Grand Chapter of Victoria was recognized.

They have 38 chapters and 1389 members, gain, 69.

The salary of the Grand Lecturer was fixed at \$500, and it was expected that it would be supplemented by a sufficient sum from the Grand Lodge to justify the employment of his whole time in instructing lodges and chapters.

Comp. P. M. Savery reports on Correspondence. Our proceedings do not appear to have been received.

J. K. McLeod, (Moss Point,) G. H. P.

J. L. Power, (Jackson,) G. S.

Missouri.

Forty-sixth Convocation, Kansas City, April 27th 1893.

John R. Parson, G. H. P.

A new chapter was formed at Popular Bluff. On the state of the Craft, the Grand High Priest says:

Capitular Masonry in Missouri has never been more prosperous than during the last year. The degrees have been lifted from the position of mere stepping-stones to other organizations to that of interesting and instructive lessons in Masonry. Instead of the meetings being attended by a few companions who merely went from a sense of duty, they are now large and enthusiastic gatherings and looked forward to with interest and pleasure. The chapters have been doing a large amount of work, and such an interest has been aroused in the minds of Master Masons who desire still more light that the prospects for the future are of the brightest.

Having heard that some chapters were in the habit of having persons who were not Masons assist in the music during the conferring of the degrees, he issued a circular forbidding that practice, and on this subject, he says:

I appreciate highly the value of music in adding to the beauty of the ceremonies, but it seemed to me that Masons could be found who would be able to furnish all that was required. If musicians who are not Masons can be introduced, why not actors to aid in the dramatic part, or elocutionists to deliver the charges? A Lodge should be securely tiled and none should be admitted except such as are duly qualified. The mere hanging of a curtain in a Lodge room does not take the portion behind it out of the tiled precincts. If music constitutes a part of the ceremonies certainly none but the initiated have a right to take part. False impressions are made on the candidates, who do not know that the singers are present only a portion of the time, and Masons

cannot understand why ladies are announced on programmes as taking part in the conferring of Masonic Degrees.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1892 receives due notice.

1894,

Forty-seventh Convocation, Kansas City, April 26th, 1894.

Allan McDowell, G. H. P.

Notwithstanding the hard times and a general stagnation of business, Capitular Masonry in Missouri has moved steadily forward and a fair amount of work has been done, on the very best of material. "The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri stand as a living bulwark against infidelity, immorality and intemperance, as living witnesses to truth, honor and integrity."

A new chapter was formed at Salem.

A committee was appointed to prepare a funeral service for the use of subordinate chapters. We think that they had better leave that entirely to the Lodge.

No decisions were required during the year and the Committee on Grievance had no work brought before them. Harmony and intelligence seems to be the prevailing characteristics of Missouri Masons.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted :

Provided, that a Past High Priest of another jurisdiction, who shall have affiliated with a chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, may become a member of this Grand Chapter by a majority vote at any annual convocation.

Thereupon, three Past High Priests from Ohio, Iowa and Kansas were elected members of the Grand Chapter.

Out of the 94 chapters in the State, 44 have subscribed \$1839.25 towards the erection of the proposed Sanatorium in connection with their Masonic Home. In the Home there are now 78 inmates.

The 94 chapters have 6377 members, being an increase of 112.

Our old friend and Companion, William H. Mayo, presented his fifteenth report on Correspondence, and his skill and assiduity proclaim him a master workman

in this department of Masonic literature. On the proper rendition of the ritual, he well says :

If you wish the lessons taught by the ceremonies of Masonry to make their proper impressions, to find a lodgment in the minds and consciences of the candidates, let them be thoroughly learned, digested, assimilated—not simply *committed to memory*. The fathers in Masonry who decreed that its secrets should not be written or printed did not do solely with a view to preserving them from the profane world, but also in order to require and enforce study, research and investigation into and of its fundamental principles, so that an instructor of the Craft should necessarily be a master in the art.

Our Proceedings for 1893 are fraternally reviewed.

Rev. C. H. Briggs, (Fayette), G. H. P.

William H. Mayo, (St. Louis), G. S.

Montana.

Fourth Convocation, Helena, Oct- 9th, 1893.

Anthony H. Barret, G. H. P.

In the opening paragraphs of his address, we find the following :

In the great financial panic that has swept over our country the past season, and whose heavy hand still rests upon us, we have all suffered with the rest and have seen some of our leading industries, of which we have only a limited variety, prostrated and still threatened with further injury by unfriendly legislation, but we, who have lived long in Montana, and know her resources can calmly bide our time, in full confidence that the nations of the world, in this age of enlightenment, with their multiplying wants and inventions, with their swelling volume of commerce, will need every ounce of silver, as well as gold and other useful metals, and when other fields are exhausted, and irrigation, for which we have all the facilities, have been provided, we have the largest and richest area of wheat lands of any of the States.

Our pure air, almost perpetual sunshine and invigorating climate, are in themselves an inheritance of priceless value, secured to us by a kind Providence and beyond loss or diminution.

By the adoption of the following resolution, the appointment of Grand Representatives was discontinued :

Resolved, That it is the deliberate conviction of the Grand Chapter of Montana that as our Grand Chapter is only a limited sovereignty, holding under a General Grand Chapter, the system in vogue of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters similarly situated is even more useless and improper

than between Grand Lodges, where it has never developed enough utility to commend it to imitation. The Grand Chapter of Montana, without impugning the motives or criticising the taste of sister Grand Chapters, respectfully declines further exchanges, and requests its Grand High Priest to decline making further appointments upon the expiration of those now outstanding.

Every Chapter in the jurisdiction is in future to be visited and inspected yearly by one of the four chief officers of the Grand Chapter.

They have 11 Chapters and 620 members ; gain, 39.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges starts the correspondence department with a report of 64 pages. The usual formula is to say "composed principally of extracts," but in this case the formula fails most completely, as there is not a single extract in the whole report. It is all written out and must have required a large amount of patience and hard work. Our Proceedings for 1892 receive due mention.

P. H. Poindexter, (Dillon), G. H. P.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena), G. S.

Nebraska.

Twenty-seventh Convocation, York, Dec. 13th, 1893.

Robert E. French, G. H. P.

The business transacted was almost entirely local in interest. They have 51 chapters and 2,905 members, being an increase of 119.

One new chapter was formed.

Our Representative sent the following report :

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 25th, 1893.

To the M. E. ROBERT E. FRENCH, G. H. P., and the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska :

Dear Companions,—I am sorry that a breakdown in my health has compelled me, under medical orders, to come here for two or three months' rest and change of climate, and that it will be impossible for me to be present at the convocation of the Grand Chapter at York on the 13th December.

I regret this the more as it will prevent my communicating to you in person (as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada) the greetings of our Canadian companions. I received a letter recently from the M. E. Comp. John E. Harding, Esq., G. Z., instructing me to convey to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska the greetings and good wishes of the Grand Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons of Canada, and to assure every member of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska that should they at any time be able to visit the Grand Chapter of Canada they will receive a cordial welcome.

I shall be with you in spirit at York, where I have received so many courtesies at the hands of local members of the Craft and to whom, as well as to the members of the Grand Chapter, I beg to extend fraternal greetings and my best wishes.

Wishing you a happy gathering and reports proving the prosperity of the Royal Craft in our State, believe me, dear companions,

Very fraternally yours,

W. T. WHITMARSH,

Grand Chaplain and Representative of Grand Chapter of Canada.

He also telegraphed that "Our Canadian Companions send warmest greeting," and the following reply was ordered to be sent to him :

Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 15th, 1893.

REV. W. T. WHITMARSH, Grand Chaplain and Grand Representative Grand Chapter of Canada :

R. E. and Dear Companion,—Yours containing the fraternal greetings of yourself and the Royal Craft of Canada was received by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska while in session, and immediately upon its receipt the undersigned was appointed as a special committee to respond to the same in the name of our Grand Chapter. Personally this is, indeed, a pleasant duty to me. The Grand Chapter of Nebraska heartily responds to the greetings both of yourself and our esteemed companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, whom you so worthily represent. Convey to our beloved companions of Canada the warmest greetings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Nebraska. For yourself, our warmest assurances of the earnest desire of your companions in Nebraska for your speedy recovery and full restoration to health.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON,

P. G. H. P. and Committee.

Comp. Charles J. Phelps again reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 receives a kindly notice.

Albert W. Crites, (Chadron), G. H. P.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha), G. S.

Nevada.

Twentieth Convocation, Reno, June 12, 1893.

Albert Lackey, G. H. P.

He mentions the death of John Haviland Hubbs,

Grand Master and P. G. H. P., who was a native of Ontario, and was made a Mason in Percy Lodge, No. 161, G. R. C., Warkworth. He was a good and true Mason in all that the word implies, and will be sadly missed in their councils,

A fair amount of work was done notwithstanding their general business depression. They have eight chapters and 295 members, an increase of four.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Frank Bell. Our Proceedings of 1892 receive due notice.

John W. Eckley, (Virginia City,) G. H. P.

Chauncy N. Noteware, (Carson City,) G. S.

New Brunswick.

The volume before us contains the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its first Convocation in 1888, to the sixth Convocation in 1893.

In 1891 the ancient titles of the Chief Officers were changed to "High Priest," "King" and "Scribe," in order to conform to the United States system, an action which was regretted by the then Grand Z., Comp. B. Lester Peters.

In 1892 the following resolution was passed :

Ordered—That a committee be appointed to confer with any Royal Arch Chapter within the province which has not yet affiliated with this Grand Chapter, with a view to the bringing of such chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

Comp. Peters, who had been their Chief Officer since their formation, retired, and received a cordial vote of thanks for his faithful services. He was succeeded by Comp. T. Nisbett Robertson, who had been Grand Scribe E., since their formation.

Sixth Convocation, Moncton, August 23, 1893.

In the address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. T. Nisbet Robertson we find the following :

I congratulate you upon the harmony and good fellowship which exist throughout the jurisdiction, and although we have not made large additions to our membership, you will be glad to know that during the year the interest has been fairly well sustained in the several subordinate chapters.

The special convocation of Grand Chapter, held in April last was not as well attended by representatives of chapters outside the City of St. John as we had wished for.

The exemplification of the work of the several degrees upon that occasion was most creditable to all the companions who took part. Grand Chapter acted wisely, I think, at that time, in not adopting as the ritual the work as then exemplified, as I am sure it must have been apparent to all who witnessed it that many changes for the better can be made without in any way materially affecting the important portions of the work.

I trust that during next recess the ritual committee will be able to make several changes that will commend themselves favorably to the members of Grand Chapter when the work is again exemplified.

Since our special convocation, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales has appointed a representative near this Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt the distinguished companion who has been thus honored will present his credentials at this convocation.

I regret to say that the hope which I expressed at the special convocation, that at this session we would have the pleasure of welcoming representatives from Mount Lebanon Chapter to seats in this Grand Chapter has not been realized. During the recess, consultation was had with members of that chapter in reference to the matter, but up to this time no decided action was taken. I am sorry that all the members of Mount Lebanon do not see that the best interests of their chapter would be advanced by enrolling themselves under the banner of this Grand Chapter. I think it would be advisable for Grand Chapter at this time to give the executive committee full authority to make such arrangements as they may consider proper with Mount Lebanon Chapter in case that chapter should decide to come into this Grand Chapter before our next annual convocation.

They have seven chapters and 395 members.

T. Nisbet Robertson, (St. John,) G. H. P.

William A. Ewing, (St. John,) G. S.

New Hampshire.

Seventy-fourth Convocation, Concord, May 16, 1893.

Horace A. Brown, G. H. P.

He issued one dispensation to organize a new chapter. All the chapters have increased their membership, and the aggregate increase has been considerably above the average. No complaints were preferred nor any decisions asked for.

They have 23 chapters and 3,047 members, an increase of 158.

The action of the General Grand Chapter in 1891, relative to official rank and titles, was ordered to be recognized and used.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Albert S. Wait. Canada for 1892 receives special mention. His conclusion is good:

A survey of the field over which we have passed shows the year to have equalled the preceding one in every particular of prosperity, and we can congratulate our Companions that the Masonic Fraternity has partaken in full measure of that prosperity which has characterized the world's progress in all things affecting its material and social welfare. While peace prevails throughout the civilized nations, harmony pervades the universal Masonic Fraternity, and its charities have widened and grown more efficient with the increase of its power and its influence. Some diversity of usage still appears among the several capitular jurisdictions, in some cases such as could be wished might give place to better uniformity; but in no case, so far as we have observed, has anything like controversy arisen, and there seems everywhere exhibited among the Grand Chapters a disposition to so adjust themselves to known conditions that collision shall not arise.

W. H. W. Hinds, (Milford,) G. H. P.

George P. Cleaves, (Concord,) G. S.

New Jersey.

Thirty-seventh Convocation, Trenton, May 10th, 1893.

Edward Mills, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says :

The interest in Capitular Masonry appears to be increasing, Chapters that have been dormant have received new life and vigor, while the active Chapters are maintaining their high standard of the past. There appears to be an earnest effort on part of officers to perfect themselves in the standard Ritual. As a rule the essentials are strictly adhered to. The differences seem to be more in the details of the Work. Officers follow the footsteps of their predecessors. Different localities have their views as to the proper interpretation of the meaning of the Ritual. Our Grand Officers carry with them the impress of the work in their own vicinity. When called to visit other sections of the State, the work to them seems out of place or irregular. If I may be allowed I would suggest (in the absence of any other arrangement) that our grand officers, before commencing their labors for the coming year (as well as future years), arrange to have one or more meetings to compare their work, reconcile differences as to details, *all to con-*

form to the Ritual, and start this year with a uniform understanding as to the various details of placing the several degrees correctly before the Craft. Each succeeding year a new officer is supposed to enter into the work, and with the knowledge and experience of his older Companions in office to help him, to me it seems clear a very short time would elapse before the work would be uniform throughout the jurisdiction.

Another matter has also suggested itself during my sojournings among the Craft in the years that are past. It is the custom of High Priests to wait for visiting officers to make arbitrary dates for visitations. In many cases this is left until late in the Capitular year, with no opportunity to change the date. Under this plan the Grand Officer often finds the Chapter without work, or still worse no quorum. The Grand Officer is disappointed, officers and members of Chapters dissatisfied, and the purpose of the visitation could not be fulfilled. My opinion on this subject is that Chapters should be advised by circular letter (in advance of our printed proceeding) of the various assignments for visitations as soon as made by the Grand High Priest. Then High Priests of Chapters should communicate with Grand Officer assigned their Chapter with a view of arranging for visitations when there shall be work for inspection, a good representation of the membership present and the objects and purposes of visitations be made successful.

There is another matter officers of Chapters must regulate and correct themselves. In how many cases do we find in our reports of Grand Officers, words like these, "Work well done, considering so many officers were absent?" To paraphrase a now popular political axiom, "A Masonic office is a Masonic trust." 'Tis strange our officers so soon forget their vow of office, and neglect their Masonic duties, to the great injury of their chapters and discouragement of their associate officers and Companions. Let all resolve, from this time forward, to be more attentive to their duties and more faithful to the vow assumed when installed to their respective stations. If Capitular Masonry is to instruct and elevate the minds and characters of its members, as it is intended to do, all must work and keep working and move forward with our Banner, and its inscription "Holiness to the Lord" well in advance if we expect to carry the sublime principles and lessons of our Order to the hearts and minds of the Fraternity. Work is the key that unlocks the door of success, and by steady, persistent application by the Craft much will be gained that will be a lasting benefit to Capitular Masonry for years to come.

Companions, there is one feature in Masonry, I think, is not as fully appreciated by us as it should be—the social and fraternal features of the institution. With us there is no distinction of position or rank. All meet on one common level. 'Tis this that binds us in one strong brotherhood. Our various symbols and means of recognition oftentimes attract men—perfect strangers towards one another—and the warm, fraternal clasp of the hand, the quick glance of the eye forms an acquaintance which ripens into a friendship that remains so long as life shall last. If among you differences arise, reconcile them; if jealousies spring up, bury

them, and all labor for one common end—to promote our own happiness and welfare and of everyone who has a claim on our sympathy. Cultivate this social fraternal feature of our Order. It is the life of Masonry or any organization founded on the noble principles of Charity and Brotherly Love.

It was decided not to appoint a Grand Lecturer.

There were no appeals or grievances.

A new chapter was chartered at Cape May.

On the abolition of the Past Master's Degree, the following report of the special committee on Ceremonial was adopted :

Your Committee are of the opinion that the Past Master's Degree (so-called) is a part of Symbolic Masonry and has no direct relation with the Capitular system. except so far as was rendered necessary by the establishment of Grand Chapters, under which the Royal Arch Degree (which properly belongs to the symbolic system) is conferred ; and while we do not see the way clear at this time to recommend a radical change in this respect, we cannot but believe that the difficulties which called for the appointment of this Committee could be removed and consistency better conserved by its restoration to the charge of the Grand Master of Masons.

They have 37 chapters and 3,053 members, gain 79.

Comp. Henry Vehslage reports on Correspondence.

Andrew J. Bale, (Baleville,) G. H. P.

George B. Edwards, (Jersey City,) G. S.

New York.

Ninety-seventh Convocation, Albany, Feb. 6th, 1894.

J. Leavitt Lambert, G. H. P.

On the condition of the Craft, he says :

I am gratified to report that the general condition of the chapters throughout our jurisdiction is of the most satisfactory character, notwithstanding the fact that their growth has been seriously retarded in consequence of the business depression which has so generally prevailed during the past year.

My observation, however, justifies the impression that the prompt collection of membership dues is neglected in many of the chapters. This appears to me to be an evil that may lead to a great loss of members unless speedily corrected ; and I urge upon all the importance of diligent effort in the matter of collecting the annual dues.

He speaks of the General Grand Chapter as being

the oldest chapter in existence. We wonder what Pennsylvania will say to that. They claim to be three years older.

He decided that a collective ballot was legal :

Our Constitution and Approved Decisions are silent on the subject of a collective ballot, we therefore turn to the precedent as established and base our answers upon it.

1st—Can a collective ballot be taken on two or more petitions for the degrees conferred by the Chapter, or for membership, with the previous announcement by the High Priest that if any black ballots appear a separate ballot will then be taken on each petition? Yes.

2nd—A collective ballot having been thus taken, the ballot-box closed by order of the High Priest, an examination made but the result *not* announced, can the ballot be spread on the petitions separately before the expiration of three months?

The closing of the ballot-box is not a declaration of the result ; we therefore answer : Yes—but the balloting must be done *at once*, and upon each and every petition, for a ballot, when commenced, must be completed, and the result declared.

3rd—Are candidates thus elected legally entitled to receive the degrees? Yes.

They have 186 chapters, all making returns, and 18,344 members ; an increase of 659.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. George McGown, is very interesting, and from it we make the following extracts :

The attendance at these visitations was very satisfactory. While all of the degrees have had attention, it seems as if more than ordinary consideration has been required for that of Most Excellent Master, as I have been called upon to give special instructions in, or to confer that degree more frequently than usual. This is a gratifying sign of the prevailing tendency in the direction of good work, as that degree has not always received the attention which its merits deserve. * * *

While the governing Bodies of Royal Arch Masonry have legislated upon titles, clothing and insignia, I have been unable to find any action relative to suitable paraphernalia for use in the conferring of the degrees, and as a consequence there is more or less diversity where there should be substantial uniformity. We read in holy writ of “the tabernacle, which is called the holiest of all ; which had the golden censer, and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid roundabout with gold, wherein was the *golden pot* that had manna, and the tables of the Covenant, and over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the mercy seat.” Also, of the “Rod of Aaron for the house of Levi, which budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.”

I have seen the golden manna pot represented by articles of white metal, porcelain and terra cotta ware, and of a variety of form in no way suggestive of the conventional manna pot which has been handed down to us, a crude representation of which appears on the Jewish shekel. Such incongruous articles as an egg cup, a mustard pot, a shaving cream box, etc., have been found in use. The budded rod is usually represented by a few artificial flowers attached to a small stick of wood, and suggestive of a millinery shop. For the Book of the Law we find a copy of the Bible, usually a very small edition, old, and difficult to read; a roll of manuscript, with the lessons written on separate pages; an old monitor; an imitation of the tables of stone, with the lessons thereon, or a scroll of parchment containing the lessons and Commandments. The last named, which seems the most appropriate, is coming into general use.

The inscriptions on the top and sides of some of the Arks, suggest the thought that they were placed thereon at the caprice of the artist, and, as an object lesson for the purpose of illustrating the Ritual, are valueless.

The Ritual and traditions of the Capitular degrees seem to call for the use of two Arks. One for use in the M. E. M. degree, representing the original Ark of the Covenant, which was destroyed when the temple was burned. This should have Cherubim thereon, but no inscription. For the R. A. degree, tradition calls for a different Ark, without Cherubim, and bearing proper inscriptions on sides and top.

The *three squares* are frequently represented by rusty constructions of tin or iron, which require considerable strain upon the imagination to convert into "Master's Jewels."

The *altar of incense* is usually represented by one of the pedestals, or a small stand or table; rarely by anything resembling that described in the thirtieth Chapter of Exodus.

Square blocks of wood, unpainted and destitute of the regular marks of the Craft, occasionally do duty for "work from the quarries" in the M. M. degree.

Doubtless, when many of our chapters were organized, suitable articles were not immediately available, and accordingly these makeshifts were resorted to, and in many cases have remained in use up to the present time.

It is needless to say, that all such departures from the use of appropriate paraphernalia, are calculated to mar the beauty, harmony and consistency of our ceremonies, and I have deemed it proper to present the subject for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

On the subject of a collective ballot, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the approval of the decisions of the Grand High Priest:

The first, second and third relate to the practice, which prevails in some portions of the jurisdiction, of taking a ballot upon

a number of candidates collectively. This practice has grown up in Chapters in which a number of petitions are often considered at one and the same convocation. Separate ballots have been found to consume a large amount of valuable time. In such cases the High Priest has often announced, before the taking of the ballot, that the petitions would be voted upon collectively, and that, in case the ballot should not be clear, then the petitions would be voted upon separately.

Your Committee fails to find any satisfactory reason for condemning this practice, (when not interdicted by the by-laws of the Chapter), although, in cases where there is no great demand for time, they would deem the separate ballot preferable. Your Committee recommends that these decisions of the Grand High Priest be approved by the Grand Chapter.

By the adoption of the report of the same committee, the following General Regulations were added to the Constitution :

General Regulation XXVIII.

A Committee of Investigation, appointed upon the petition of a candidate for degrees or membership, shall not submit its report at the convocation at which it shall be appointed.

General Regulation XXIX.

In case it shall be found, after the preferment of charges and a trial, that any chapter in this State has conferred the Capitular degrees for a less sum than that prescribed in the Constitution, or has attempted to evade the Constitutional provision by returning or agreeing to return, any portion of the fee at any time, the warrant of such chapter shall be suspended for a definite or an indefinite time, or shall be forfeited, as may be determined by the Commission before which the trial shall be had ; subject to the approval of the Grand High Priest.

General Regulation XXX.

All petitioners for the Capitular degrees shall answer the following questions in writing before their petitions shall be presented to a chapter, viz. :

What is your age ?

Where were you born ?

Where do you reside ?

What is your occupation ?

Have you resided in the town, village or city in which you now reside for the four months last past ?

Have you ever, to your knowledge, been proposed and rejected as a candidate for the degrees in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons ?

If so, when and in what Chapter ?

Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Royal Arch Mason ?

A special committee was appointed to consider and report upon the paraphernalia, as suggested in the report of the Grand Lecturer.

Comp. George J. Gardner again presented a most thorough and entertaining review of the Proceedings of all the Grand Chapters in the United States and Canada. He has the same idea about these Reports as we have and what they should contain :

We still adhere to the plan of "giving a full summary of the proceedings." This is what we believe our readers desire. Except in rare instances, in the case of old experienced writers, and well-versed critics, they care not the snap of a finger for personal views on disputed questions. What they want, is to know what is going on in the Masonic world about them. A synopsis is all we are privileged to give, out of all the thousands of pages we are compelled to wander through to reach it. Here an instructive and interesting transaction of a legislative or business character ; there a beautiful literary gem culled from a rich *parterre* studded with brilliant flowers of every variegated hue, now and then pausing to drop the sprig of acacia upon the grave of the departed, and in every paragraph seeking to impart some narration, which shall prove in acquiring and treasuring up "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Such has been our aim, and such it will continue to be while we hold this position, until we are convinced that we are in the wrong. We are not all like the Pope of Rome, "infallible," at least so considered by his subjects, and we may err in our judgment, but time and experience corrects all.

Canada for 1893 claims a good share of his attention.

Frederick E. Barnes, (New York,) G. H. P.

Christopher G. Fox, (Buffalo,) G. S.

North Carolina.

Forty-fifth Convocation, Tarboro, May 9, 1893.

Daniel P. Mast, G. H. P.

Their financial condition causes anxiety and the lack of funds has impeded progress in the revival and extension of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State. The Grand High Priest mentions the death of their Grand Secretary, Comp. Donald W. Bain, who was Grand Secretary for twenty-five years, succeeding his father, who had also been Grand Secretary for the same length of time. He was greatly esteemed and beloved. Both father and son died in office.

Three new chapters were opened and one revived.

A report was received and read from R. E. Comp. James Wilson, Toronto, their Grand Rebräsentative near Canada.

The "work" of the General Grand Chapter was adopted.

They have 17 chapters and 732 members, gain 37.

Comp. James Southgate has another excellent report on Correspondence. In his review of our Proceedings for 1892 he has the following remarks on the reduction of the number necessary to be present in order to open a chapter :

We do not see how the number can be reduced, for the whole world of Royal Arch Masonry agrees that nine Royal Arch Masons shall constitute a quorum to transact business in a chapter. We have often met and waited in vain for the ninth man to come and wished that eight made a quorum. If we make seven the number required we will wish it were five, and so the best plan is to let it remain at nine. When nine men cannot be found interested enough to come out to the regular meetings it is time either to stir up the dormant energies of that chapter or set its candlestick aside for a successor more worthy,

We also copy the following :

Reports from the Grand Superintendents are interesting reading. They bring us almost in direct fellowship with the subordinate chapters, and we can in imagination feel the friendly grasp of the hands of our Companions and enjoy their warm hospitality. From these reports some of the chapters seem to be flourishing and others doing nothing. The same old story may be told of nearly every jurisdiction, and a remedy for this will be in order. Some suggest amalgamation of chapters, but we have always argued that a knowledge of our beautiful Ritual creates an interest in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery that nothing else can, and you will always find that the brightest Masons are those who are the most frequent attendants at our meetings.

In his notice of Illinois, we are glad to notice his remarks on the question of dependent membership :

Under Arkansas he regrets that Grand Chapter ever adopted the rule compelling membership in the lodge. We concur, and while we feel that every Mason should belong to some lodge, yet it is harsh treatment, to debar them from membership in the Chapter, especially as in North Carolina. Non-payment of dues is not among the Masonic crimes.

Francis E. Moye, (Moyton,) G. H. P.

Horace H. Munson, (Wilmington,) G. S.

North Dakota.

Fourth Convocation, Jamestown, June 29, 1893.

L. W. Gammons, G. H. P.

All the chapters have enjoyed a prosperous year and made substantial growth.

The Grand Chapter of Victoria was recognized.

The following resolutions were adopted ;

RESOLVED, That the Grand Council be and are hereby empowered to employ a companion to visit the several chapters in this jurisdiction for one year under the direction of the Grand Council, the companion to be a member of this Grand Chapter, and to receive such compensation as the Grand Council shall approve, not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, and correct the work and report to this Grand Chapter.

RESOLVED, That the services of the Grand Lecturer shall not be compulsory upon the subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction, but that on the request of any subordinate chapter, the Grand Lecturer shall visit such chapter for the purpose of giving instructions in the ritual, and shall receive such compensation as shall be mutually agreed upon. The Grand Lecturer may arrange with a majority of the subordinate chapters of this jurisdiction for a School of Instruction, the expenses of such school to be borne by the chapters participating.

The state of the funds prevented the publication of the usual report on Correspondence.

They have 10 chapters and 625 members, gain 71.

David M. Holmes, (Grand Forks,) G. H. P.

Thomas J. Wilder, (Casselton,) G. S.

Ohio.

Seventy-seventh Convocation, Marietta, Sept. 27th, 1893.

William W. Savage, G. H. P.

Among the introductory paragraphs of his address we find the following interesting reference :

The place whereon we stand is historic ground. Marietta was the cradle of Freemasonry in Ohio. Here, on this spot, on the banks of the river Ohio, for more than a hundred years, like vestal fires, have burned those mystic lights, that none but Craftsmen ever saw.

After our forefathers had triumphed in that memorable struggle that gave to them, and to us, our civil liberty, it was here that they were first "called from the refreshment of the field

of battle," to the labor of the Craft, in what was then known as the Northwest Territory.

How truly emblematic was that call to speculative labor of that other call to operative labor, made at the same time. From that day to this each has gone forward, hand in hand. The buffalo and the wild deer have given place to flock and herd; the dense forest to the cultivated field; the dismal howl of the hungry wolf to the hum of the busy spindle, and the Indian war-whoop to the whistle of the steam engine.

Where are those worthy brothers who lighted the first camp-fire of Freemasonry here? Jonathan Heart, their Worshipful Master, soon after fell in battle under Gen. St. Clair, and all who first surrounded this altar have gone to their final homes beyond the world of shadows—but the fire they lighted here still burns—and it has spread from the river to the lake, until to-day the incense of Masonry ascends from more than Five Hundred Altars within our borders, and it is gratifying to know that this light will continue to shine, "so long as the attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of our Order are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts.

There was a marked decrease in the number of applications for special dispensations. A new chapter was formed at Bucyrus. They have 144 chapters and 13,024 members, an increase of 535.

A proposal to make Past High Priests (*i. e.* Past First Principals) permanent members of the Grand Chapter, was negatived. This keeps the body a purely representative one. Opinions differ as to the wisdom of this course. Past First Principals represent no one but themselves, but on the other hand, they have the experience which is lacking in the actual officers. A member needs to come to Grand Chapter for several years before he is fully competent to take an intelligent part in its proceedings. If the membership of the Grand Body is largely changed every year, its legislation will necessarily be crude, and will require frequent amendments; whereas in a more experienced body, changes are less frequent and amendments far less necessary.

New South Wales was recognized.

Our own Charlie could not be present, but he sent the following reminder:

Cleveland, Ohio, September 13th, 1893.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio :

Regretting that circumstances will preclude the possibility of my attendance upon the coming Convocation of the Grand Chap-

ter at Marietta, I avail myself of this method of proffering the Grand Chapter the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I have no special report to offer regarding that Grand Body, except to say, that peace and harmony, and consequently a goodly degree of prosperity abound within the borders of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. WOODWARD.

Comp. S. Stacker Williams again presented one of his super-excellent reports on Correspondence, reviewing 52 Grand Bodies in 175 pages. In his introduction, he has the following very interesting information on the origin of the Royal Arch Degree :

As with many other degrees in Masonry, it is impossible, after all the efforts that have been made, to fix upon the date of the origin or definitely the birthplace of the Royal Arch Degree. We have had theories enough and learned accounts by rainbow chasers as to its origin. But these, together with the story of its having been stolen from the degree of Master Mason have, for want of proof been abandoned by Masonic students. The best efforts of Brothers Hughan, Gould and others in the Old Country to settle the question of date have been unavailing, except approximately ; and the place where it first appeared is in equal doubt. Availing ourself of the results of the investigation of these brethren, and relying wholly upon their valuable works, we will devote a small space to the subject. In the light of recent investigation it is not safe to claim an earlier date for the degree than 1740 ; and, while it has generally been considered to be of English origin, now the indications are very strong that Scotland is entitled to the honor of giving it birth. Although, on the authority of Brother Hughan, we note that the third degree cannot be traced to a date earlier than 1735, in that country. The very first reference to the degree in any book or record, so far as known, is found in a work published in Dublin, in 1744, by Dr. Fifield Dassigny, entitled a "Serious and Impartial enquiry into the cause of the present Decay of Freemasonry in Ireland." Of the author of this work, little or nothing seems to be known, and few writers seem to have even referred to the book. In fact, it was for a long time lost sight of, and of another book said to have been published by him previous to the publication of this one, entitled "The Impartial Answer to the Enemies of Freemasons," it is said that not a copy is known to exist. A copy of the "Enquiry" was observed by Bro. Hughan in 1867, bound up with a first edition of Dermot's Ahiman Rezon, which at the time was the only copy known in the world. This copy was the property of the late brother Robert F. Bower, of Iowa, and is now in the famous library of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. Twenty-five years later another copy turned up, which is now in the very select library of West Yorkshire, England. From this a *fuc simile* has been made by Richard Jackson, of Leeds, England, and an edition limited to 300 copies, printed,

one of which is in our possession. As there appears in the original work a list of over 400 subscribers, the edition was not small. This list is headed by the Right Hon. Lord Allen, Grand Master, and his name is followed by that of "Hon. Elizabeth Alldworth," the celebrated lady who is said to have been initiated into Masonry as the "Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger," about the year 1739.

In Dr. Dassigny's work we find in a footnote under a quotation from the York legend, these words :

I am informed, in that city is held an assembly of Master Masons, under the title of the Royal Arch Masons, who, as their qualifications and excellencies are superior to others, they receive a larger pay than working Masons.

Further on in his work, we learn that at least as early as 1744. the degree was worked by the brethren in Dublin ; that an imposter from York was "detected, despised and excluded." We learn, furthermore, that the degree was at least at that time worked in London, and that the members thereof had "passed the chair."

This last is to our mind the most important hint we find in reference to the degree ; and although the information that the degree was worked in England at that early date, is valuable, yet no other evidence that we know of shows it to have existed there prior to 1752.

As a very fitting introduction to the *fac simile*, we are furnished with a sketch of the Royal Arch Degree by Brother William J. Hugan, from which we obtain the material facts which follow :

Addressing ourself now to the claim of Scotland to the paterinity of the degree, we remark that it is made in favor of the "Ancient" Lodge of Sterling. As is so often the case, unfortunately the early records of this Lodge are lost. Other evidences, however, partially make up the loss. Two old rudely engraved brass plates have been discovered at this old Masonic seat, which are described by Brother Hugan as follows :

They are some three inches wide and nearly nine long, and weigh, together, nearly two and three-quarter pounds.

The first appertains to Craft Masonry, both sides being virtually alike as respects design, only on one the name of the "Stirling Ancient Lodge" is also engraved. The second plate partakes of the same character as respects the Obverse, with the figures 1 to 12 enclosed within a circle. The Reverse is altogether different and is certainly a remarkable kind of Tracing Board, on which the names of the degrees of "Red Cross or Ark," "Sepulchre," "Knights of Malta," and "Night Templar" are rudely engraved.

Both sides of the plate just described have been photographed and plates made therefrom. Through the courtesy of our esteemed friend. Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of Lodge Quatnor Coronati, No. 2076, London, we are the fortunate possessor of impressions of these plates. Bro. Hugan is of the opinion that the plates were made not earlier than the middle of the last century, though others claim for them an earlier date.

From a copy of a code of By-laws of this venerable Lodge, which bear date May 14th. 1745, we are furnished the following section with reference to dues :

8TH BY-LAW.

	s. d.
For an entered apprentice Lodge	10—0
Dues to the Grand Lodge	2—0
To the Tyler.....	1—0
Passing fellow Craft	2—6
Passing Master.....	7—6
Matriculation, all Sterling.....	2—6

Excellent and Super-Excellent, 5 shillings sterlings :

And teat each entered prentice shall "treat the Lodge" to the extent of 5 shillings sterling if demanded.

From the same source we learn that the Lodge meetings were always required to be held in a Brother's house, that no Brother was permitted to enter the Lodge without the badge of the Craft, and that he must be clothed in a proper manner.

It was also the practice after the Lodge was formed and while it continued, a certain portion of time was spent in the instruction of prentices in the Royal Art, and in a way not to be expressed in writing. On the authority of Bro. R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary) of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, who visited Sterling in person at the instance of Bro. Hughan, we observe that in the early records so far as discovered of this Aucient Lodge, no mention of the Royal Arch degree is made ; but there is, as is found in the By-law quoted, mention of and fees fixed for the degrees of "Excellent and Super-Excellent."

This distinguished brother is of the opinion that the degree of "Royal Arch" and "Super-Excellent" were one and the same, and there are good reasons in support of his opinion, though it also seems that the Royal Arch was the important degree, and that the degrees of Excellent, Super-Excellent and Knight Templar were appendent thereto. It is also clear that in the Old Country and in this country during the early life of these degrees there was no regular order of sequence, as sometimes the Royal Arch was conferred before that of the Super-Excellent, and sometimes the reverse. Sometimes the degree of Knight Templar was conferred before the Royal Arch, and sometimes after.

There is further evidence in favor of the claim of the Ancient Lodge. When the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was organized in 1817, a committee was appointed to arrange the chapters on the Roll, the question of precedence or seniority being settled according to documents then presented. Due notice was given to all chapters, and full instructions to forward all evidence in their possession in support of their claims to dates. This committee, which consisted of 36 members, submitted its report on March 21st, 1818, as follows :

After very mature and deliberate consideration of the several documents produced in support of their respective claims, they find that the Chapters holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter have produced satisfactory evidence of there having existed in the knowledge and practice of Royal Arch Masonry, and have held regular meetings as Chapters of that Degree since the periods set against their respective names as follows, viz : "Stirling Rock Royal Arch Chapter, from the July 30th, 1743."

Then follows a list of others. The path of the Royal Arch degree is difficult to trace in England, as well as in Scotland, refer-

ences to it here and there being about all that we have for a long series of years.

The claim that it was fabricated by the Schismatic Grand Lodge of England cannot be sustained.

Lawrence Dermott, so active in the affairs of this Grand body, declared that he had received it in Dublin in 1746, while the Grand Lodge aforesaid did not appear upon the scene till 1851-52, and never recognized or patronized the degree till 1756.

But leaving all these references to the existence of the degree, and its consequent working in the mother country in those early days, we come home to America, to find the oldest known record of the conferring of it. Such record is found in the minutes of the Lodge in which Bro. George Washington was initiated, passed and raised, and the date, Dec. 22nd, 1753. Our information is derived from the valuable historical sketch of Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia, by Bro. S. J. Quinn. We give his extracts from the minutes :

December 22nd, 1753. Which night the Lodge being assembled, was present of Royal Arch Lodge, Right Worshipful Simeon Frazier, G. M., do John Neilson, S. Warden ; do Robert Armstead, Junior Warden.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE NIGHT.

Daniel Campbell, Robert Halkerson, Alex'r Wodrow. Raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. Royal Arch Lodge being Shutt, Entered Apprentices' Lodge opened, etc.

A *fac simile* of the foregoing remarkable minutes is in our possession, for which we are under obligations to our esteemed Bro. Hughan. The candidates upon this occasion appear to have been the Worshipful Master, the Junior Warden and the Secretary of the Lodge.

Bro. Hughan informs us that minutes of a Lodge, (now extinct) located at York, dating back to 1762, record transactions in connection with the Royal Arch degree. Nothing appears to be known as to the source whence a knowledge of the ceremonies of the degree were derived ; and, though its original members belonged to the regular Grand Lodge, they abandoned it and attached themselves to the York Grand Lodge—the Grand Lodge of all England, so-called. Information following is to the effect that this York Chapter assumed the character and prerogatives of a Grand Chapter of all England, was officially recognized by the York Grand Lodge, and issued charters to a number of subordinates. This York Grand Lodge in 1780 recognized five degrees, the two additional degrees being those of the Royal Arch and Knight Templar, and was the only one of the four contending Grand Lodges then existing in England which extended protection to these two additional degrees. On the final demise of the York Grand Lodge, during the last decade of the eighteenth century, chapters under its wing, of course, shared its fate, if they were not already dead. Taking the hint from Bro. Hughan, we would impress upon the minds of our companions this fact, viz. : The York Grand Lodge never had any connection whatever with the Grand Lodge, which arrogated to itself the title of "Ancient," and which has so often been erroneously termed the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons.

The York Grand Lodge never chartered a subordinate outside of England, hence the term York, or Ancient York, as applied to Lodges, established by the said so-called Ancient Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and elsewhere in America during our early history, never was appropriate. There never was a Lodge in America to which the term York, as designating its descent from that Grand Lodge, would apply. So far as America is concerned, the term York, or Ancient York Masons, is and always has been a misnomer monitors, and fiction writers to the contrary, notwithstanding.

At the risk of extending this sketch beyond our intended limit, we venture a return to the mother country to note that, while it is impossible to determine the date of the first working of the degree in London, there are minutes of a Royal Arch Chapter dating from March 22nd, 1765, which record the arching of three candidates, whose names are given on that date.

In his review of Canada for 1893 he notes that Comp. Hugh A. Mackay, the representative of the Grand Chapter of Ohio is still absent. He gives a sketch of our Australian action, and then says:

So the question of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria was not met. On the other hand, although recognition had been extended to it by the Grand Chapter of England and a number of American Grand Chapters, the Grand Chapter of Canada, to the disappointment of many who stood by her when she needed their support, invaded territory held by the aforesaid Grand Chapters to be occupied by a regularly constituted Grand Chapter.

We have been particular to give a correct historical account of Capitular Masonry, of Canadian planting, in Victoria, as drawn from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in interest, and with a vivid recollection of former controversies, to which our northern neighbor was a party, and the support so nobly afforded her by American Grand Bodies, we must confess our disappointment at her course, and hold that at least her last act was a grievous error, the effects of which, we fear, will return to plague her for some time to come.

Orestes A. B. Senter, (Columbus,) G. H. P.

Charles C. Kiefer, (Urbaba,) G. S.

Oregon.

Thirty-third Convocation, Portland, June 12, 1893.

George E. Chamberlain, G. H. P.

He mentions the death of Comp. Thomas McF. Patton, P. G. H. P. and P. G. M., and who was Chairman of Correspondence for 18 years. He was an able and

experienced writer, with a thorough knowledge of all Masonic subjects. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, and his loss will be deeply felt.

One new chapter was formed.

Comp. Donald Mackay, P. G. H. P. was in attendance as usual as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

They have 25 chapters and 1144 members, an increase of 64.

The following resolutions were referred to a special committee :

Resolved : That hereafter candidates in passing through the chapter shall be examined in open chapter as to their proficiency in each preceding degree before receiving the following degrees. Be it further

Resolved : That a Special Committee of three be appointed to report at the next grand convocation to formulate the required amount of examination to be passed by each candidate for his proficiency in each degree.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved : That the term of office for our Representatives near sister grand jurisdictions, from and after this session, be three years, and that the commissions of all Representatives now appointed expire three years from this date. * * *

Resolved : That a Special Committee of three, of which the Grand Lecturer shall be Chairman, be appointed to formulate or adopt a system of uniform work for this jurisdiction, securing, if possible, the work of the General Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. M. Hudson. In his review of Arkansas he says ;

Comp. Patton had seconded the motion of Comp. Swain, of Wisconsin. "That a special dispensation be granted changing the name of 'Oil Trough' Chapter, Arkansas, to something not so slippery." For answer Comp. Laughlin refers us to some of our aboriginal names, "Umpqua" and "Siskiyou" for instance. Now, we like the music of the aboriginal tongues, as well among the snow caps of the Pacific as along the banks of the Susquehanna ; besides they were here first, hence will withdraw the motion and will oppose pushing the amendment any further, as perhaps the trough was there before the Chapter put the oil in it, or the oil was there before the Chapter put the trough in it, or the oil trough was there before the Chapter put its foot in it. So let the Arkansas brethren suit themselves and we'll be suited.

Canada for 1892 receives due notice.

George McD. Stroud, (Portland,) G. H. P.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene,) G. S.

Pennsylvania.

At the Quarterly Communication, Dec. 8, 1892, the sum of \$500 was donated to their Masonic Home.

Annual Convocation, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1892.

Alexander H. Morgan, G. H. P.

He reports their general condition as satisfactory. Four new chapters were formed. He made a number of official visits and thus notes the result :

I found the chapters in good condition financially and well up in the work, the officers active, zealous Royal Arch Masons. In some of the chapters the ritual was found to contain certain deviations from the system as recognized by the Grand Chapter, and which evidently had been brought across the border from New Jersey or New York. These deviations were pointed out to the officers and the corrections were in all cases received in a truly grateful and fraternal spirit, and while the journey was fatiguing, traveling all day and working several hours at night, I am justified in saying that the results compensated the Grand Officers for the time consumed and has been of great benefit to the districts visited.

The work of the committee on Correspondence was divided among five members, each taking from 9 to 12 Proceedings for review. Canada for 1892 fell to the share of Comp. M. H. Henderson. Our opinion as to the Past Master's degree is that it belongs to the Lodge and is entirely out of place in the chapter, whence it should be abolished. On the subject of physical qualifications, Comp. Henderson says :

In Pennsylvania we require physical perfection before an applicant can receive the Entered Apprentice degree ; the language of our Ahiman Rezon, which is the law of our Grand Lodge, being that he must be " hale and sound."

When he comes to apply to the chapter the rule is somewhat relaxed, though he is still required to have such use of his members and senses as to be able to conform to the ceremonies and do all the work of the Craft ; the language of our Constitution being that he must be " competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for." For instance, the loss of a finger, or an eye, or a toe would disbar from initiation, but not from advancement, while the loss of a hand, or an arm, or a leg, or of sight or hearing would.

Our reason for the above is that after initiation a man is a Mason. He may go beyond the Lodge and obtain degrees it does not confer, but their possession does not make him any more of a Mason than he was after he took the first one. Being a Mason,

he has certain rights and privileges he never had before and which he should not be deprived of except by his own misconduct, one of which is the right to apply for advancement. We do not feel justified in depriving him of that right by reason of some accident for which he was not accountable, provided, as we have said above, he is not so maimed or disfigured as to be unable to conform to the ceremonies and do all the work of the degrees he applies for.

We are glad to copy the following comments of Comp. Charles E. Meyer on the subject of Marks, with which we thoroughly agree :

In our mind the adopting and recording of the Mark is the paramount duty of Mark Master Mason. We know of chapters where the average of those complying with their obligations goes down to below 50 per cent. If we understand the Mark degree, we know that every Mark Master Mason has promised that he will adopt a Mark, and that he will adopt that Mark within four months. The promise is positive and distinct and cannot by any possible means slip the memory. It is too positively brought to his attention to be forgotten. A Mark in olden times was used to identify the work and the workman. It was a simple figure composed or formed of lines, angles and points, and intended that no two should be alike, and if any two were accidentally found to be the same the one of the later date was to be changed. We do not believe for a moment that it was ever thought that the Mark would be as elaborate as some we have lately seen. One had on it the Washington Monument, another the Columbian Exposition, and another an "oil derrick." The Mark was intended to be cut on the work when finished, and was supposed to be done at the expense of the employee. Now imagine this workman spending hours, and possibly days, in cutting such a mark as above mentioned on his work. It would be preposterous to think so, and hence the majority of Marks now adopted are perfectly useless. The law should be such that the Mark Master Mason should be required to comply with his promise of adopting a Mark within four months, and that he should not be advanced to the Past Master or Most Excellent Master's degree until that Mark is recorded, and the certificate of the Secretary as to the recording the Mark be presented to the M. E. High Priest and Chapter prior to his preparation for further advancement.

We might add to the foregoing that the mark of a Mark Master Mason should be composed of straight lines, and should contain an *odd* number of "points." The ends of lines and intersections of lines are "points." Thus the Gothic letter A has five points and is a "proper" mark, while the Gothic letter N has four points and would be the mark of an apprentice and not of a master workman nor of a Mark Master.

1893,

At the September Quarterly Communication the following report of the special committee on the invitation to join the General Grand Chapter was unanimously adopted :

That they have carefully considered the reasons advanced in support of the invitation, and that they are unable to reach the conclusion that it would be either wise or proper to comply with the request so eloquently and fraternally presented to us, not only in the letter, but also in the able address of Comp. George L. McCahan, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, made in the Grand Chapter in December last.

We join the General Grand Chapter in its happy anticipations of the centennial of its organization, but we also hope that in the satisfaction and pleasure connected with such an important event our Companions will not overlook the fact that *we* shall celebrate our centennial just three years sooner than they will do theirs, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania having been organized in November 25, 1795 ; and we trust that on the anniversary of that date we shall be honored with a fraternal visit by representatives of the General Grand Chapter.

In the consideration of this subject we must not lose sight of the differences between the systems of Freemasonry as practiced in Pennsylvania and the several jurisdictions under the immediate control of the General Grand Chapter.

It is a fact well known in Masonic history, that before the organization of chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Pennsylvania, the several degrees of Capitular Masonry were conferred under the warrants of subordinate Lodges of Free an Accepted, Ancient York Masons, constituted by the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that for many years after the organization of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the several other officers of the Grand Lodge were, by virtue of their several stations, the officers of the Grand Chapter.

When a final and complete severance of the two bodies was had, on Dec. 20, 1824, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge retained under its authority and control what is known as the Past Master's degree, surrendering to the Grand Chapter the control of the Royal Arch degree : the conferring of the Mark and Most Excellent Master's degree having been permitted by constitutional enactment.

Under the system as practiced in the jurisdictions subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, all the degrees named are conferred by the several chapters, and no union of our Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter could be effected without a previous consent of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Whether such a readjustment would have the approval of

the Grand Lodge was not considered by us, because of the conclusions reached, that the suggested union was neither wise nor expedient, but as an indication of the probable views of the Grand Lodge upon this question, we beg to remind you of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge on Sept. 7, 1812, in view of the attempt of the General Grand Chapter to organize in our jurisdiction a Mark Lodge under a dispensation granted on December 19, 1811, in which the Grand Lodge condemned all meetings under such dispensation, and enjoined the members of its subordinate Lodges to abstain from, and avoid such meetings.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has existed as an independent and supreme body for so many years, doing the works of Capitular Masonry in the way and manner handed down to us by our forefathers in Masonry, that we fear that any attempted union at this late day would be profitable to neither of the contracting parties, and that the results anticipated by our Companions of the General Grand Chapter would not be realized.

Such a union would necessitate not only a complete reforming of our Constitution and of the entire system of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, as hereinbefore indicated, but it would compel new duties and additional obligations, and we are satisfied that the risks of a possible failure are too great to justify the experiment.

The harmony and fraternal regard now existing between us and the General Grand Chapter are too precious to subject them to the test of a union which might divide rather than combine, and which no doubt for the reasons herein urged, has been heretofore declined by us.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania thanks the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America for its fraternal invitation to become one of its constituent members.

2. *Resolved*, That we deem it inexpedient to accept the invitation so kindly extended to us ; and

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers advise the officers of the General Grand Chapter of our action, by transmitting a certified copy of these resolutions and of the report to which they are attached.

They have 118 chapters and 14,727 members, being an increase in membership during the year of 698. They have also three Mark lodges with 1149 members. This jurisdiction is the third in numerical strength of all the Grand Chapters, New York being the first and Illinois second.

Annual Convocation, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1893.

Edgar A. Tennis, G. H. P.

From his excellent address we take the following :

I have been greatly assisted during the year by the District Deputies in their respective districts, and to several in particular am I indebted for the earnest and conscientious manner in which they have endeavored to carry out the suggestions made in my address of last year. There is yet room for improvement, and I earnestly request a close adherence to the recognized work of the Grand Chapter, so that the uniformity of work so much desired may not be retarded through the indifference of those who are the immediate representatives of the Grand High Priest.

I have imposed some extra work upon them during the year in my effort to have all the Chapters properly equipped, and much has been accomplished in this particular. While visiting the constituent Chapters, I discovered many of them were without suitable and even necessary equipment, whereupon I issued the following circular, a copy of which was sent to each Chapter.

“1st—Give a complete list of the clothing, including collars, aprons and jewels, robes, etc., of each officer of your chapter, Most Excellent Masters’ and Mark Masters’ Lodge. The working tools and necessities for conferring the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, together with the number of crowns and aprons for use of the members. A list of articles required accompanies this and should be returned with your answer.

2nd—Give number of members who have not recorded their marks in the Book of Marks.

3rd—Do your By-laws require your Treasurer to give bond, and have the By-laws been complied with?

4th—Is your chapter opened at the time prescribed by the By-laws?

5th—What is the average attendance of members at your meetings?”

In this circular I gave a list necessary for the proper working of each of the three Capitular degrees. The replies thus far received, and they embrace most of the chapters in the jurisdiction, show that out of a total of 119 chapters, only 28 are fully equipped; 2437 Mark Master Masons have not recorded their Marks. Only 18 chapters require their Treasurer to give bond, and the average attendance is about 25 per cent.

Upon receipt of unfavorable reports, I requested the District Deputies in whose districts the deficiencies occurred to personally visit the chapters, and late reports show a marked improvement and a cheerful disposition upon the part of each chapter to fully conform with the Constitution.

In the selecting and recording of Marks especially has there been activity, and many chapters now boast of a Book of Marks containing the selection of each of their members, all of which is not only commendable but required, and in order to avoid omissions in the future I would suggest to each High Priest that he refuse to exalt a Companion to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason until he shall have selected and recorded a Mark,

which suggestion, if adopted, will not only properly preserve a record but assist in reminding a candidate of the obligation assumed.

The question of jurisdiction, now fortunately quite well understood, was only once presented for consideration, and I informed the inquiring chapter that there was no such thing as jurisdiction in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania, but only the moral fitness of a candidate need be considered.

Our Proceedings for 1893 receive careful attention at the hands of Comp. Matthias H. Menderson. As to publishing the names of suspended brethren, he says :

On p. 63 are printed the names of 99 Companions who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Companions of Canada, let us say to you kindly—as brother speaks to brother, as one admonishes another whom he loves of what he believes to be an error—that we do not think such a list should be published, where all who choose have a right to read. We know that many allow themselves to be suspended through carelessness and for such we have no sympathy. We also know that many are suspended because they have not the money with which to pay their dues, who if they gave their money to the chapter their families would suffer for the necessities of life. These men are sensitive, they will not come into the chapter and plead poverty, and no doubt feel keenly the disgrace of being suspended. If you cannot remit their dues suspend them, but do not further humiliate them by publishing their names to the world. We cannot think of any object to be gained by publishing such a list unless it be to shame the delinquents into payment, and we do not think it would have that effect. As a means of determining the standing of any Companion it would not be reliable and such information can be obtained with accuracy from the Grand Secretary. We do not know of any good purpose it can serve, and can think of much harm it might do.

In his review of Minnesota Comp. J. Simpson Africa has the following remarks on the undesirability of incorporation, and his position in this matter appears to us to be perfectly unassailable :

As we read of the indulgence on the part of our Minnesota Companions in the innovation of “public installations,” we were in some measure prepared for the further one of the incorporation of chapters. The Grand Chapter adopted the report of a special committee appointed to consider the advisability of regulating the incorporation of subordinate chapters. This committee cited the opinion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, that the incorporation of subordinate chapters is not prohibited or regulated by Masonic law, and that the advisability of the incorporation of subordinate chapters rests in the discretion of each subordinate chapter.

The special committee also said that in view of the existing

laws of this Grand Body and of the laws of the State, it is of the opinion,

First, That if any chapter desires to become incorporated, it may do so without violating any law of the Grand Chapter.

Second, That the question of expediency of incorporation is now left to the discretion of each subordinate chapter, and that it is not necessary or advisable for this Grand Body to exercise any power or authority over such discretion or attempt to regulate or control it, except to require each subordinate chapter, before incorporation, to decide thereon by a majority vote of those present at a regular Convocation, at which all the members thereof shall be regularly summoned.

What a spectacle ! Here we find a Grand jurisdiction, that ought to be supreme and sovereign, voluntarily surrendering a part of its rights to the civil power, and allowing its creatures—the subordinate chapters—to pass beyond its absolute control. Be warned, Companions ! This surrender will sooner or later become a source of sorrow and regret to you. The Freemasons of Pennsylvania passed through the fires of political and legislative persecution that our Companions of the new-born commonwealths know not of. Such tests confirmed them in the policy of conservatism that has ever prevailed in our jurisdiction. If the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania had permitted any Lodge or chapter to have accepted an incorporation under the laws of the commonwealth, the Grand Inquisitor General would have been overjoyed at the prospect of invoking the power of the State to summon the officers of the “corporations,” with their books and papers, and publishing the contents of the same to the world. But we had no incorporated lodges or chapters (and have none now), but we had a courageous Bro., George M. Dallas—afterwards Vice-President of the United States—Grand Master of Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, who, refusing to be sworn by the Legislative inquisitors of 1836, declared :

I am a citizen of Pennsylvania by birth and constant residence. . . . I am a member of the society of Freemasons. It is more than twenty years since I became so. At that period the example of the wisest and truest of patriots, of Dr. Franklin, George Washington, of General Warren, of Gen. LaFayette, and of many and dear friends, were naturally alluring. Public opinion designated the association alike virtuous, useful and harmless ; and legislation which never discountenanced the connection, subsequently and expressly encouraged its continuance by signal marks of approval.

“The Society of Freemasons is, in this State, strictly of a private nature. It is not incorporated. Like other voluntary associations, it is neither formed nor forbidden by law. Without, therefore, pausing to illustrate and enforce the remark that it would be equally Constitutional to investigate the evils of the Society of Friends, or other societies of religion, or societies of politicians, or societies of convivial gaiety, or of any of the countless combinations of partnership by which men strive to realize calmness of conscience, the enjoyment of life and liberty, the acquisi-

tion and protection of property and reputation, and the pursuit of happiness, I respectfully affirm to this committee my absolute conviction that the proceeding which attempts, under the forms of legislation and through my own agency, to pry into, expose, condemn and ridicule my personal doings and relations with this body of citizens is as utterly inconsistent with the tenor and terms of the Constitution as its expansion to similar cases would be fatal to freedom. . . . I was received by this association into its confidence upon my own application. I have been allowed a knowledge of the modes in which its members identify each other and avoid deception upon their benevolence. At a time when neither law, nor public opinion, nor my own conscience suggested a doubt of its correctness, I engaged myself to secrecy, and I cannot, without a sense of treachery and degradation which would embitter all my future life, prove false to my promise. Better, by far, endure the penalties of alleged contumacy, be what they may."

Such, in part, was the reply of the learned and brave Brother Dallas, when he was summoned by the Legislative Inquisition to testify concerning the evils of Freemasonry, and he was not alone in refusing to testify, but had many able coadjutors. Suppose that the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter had accepted for itself or permitted a subordinate Lodge or Chapter to have accepted a legislative incorporation, this Court of Inquisition would have penetrated the inner recesses of both Lodge and Chapter.

History repeats itself. Minnesota has sown the wind and in due time will reap the whirlwind. Events move in cycles. Now we enjoy comparative Masonic peace. The time will come when the fires of Masonic persecution will be as lurid as they were more than half a century ago, and the extra-liberal jurisdictions will regret they had not followed the example of conservative Pennsylvania, where we hold that "Freemasonry is a law unto itself," and where both Lodges and Chapters are under the absolute and complete control of the proper Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter.

Edgar A. Tennis, (Thompstontown,) G. H. P.

Charles Carey, (Philadelphia,) G. S.

Quebec.

Sixteenth Convocation, Montreal, January 24, 1893.

Albert D. Nelson, Grand Z.

The returns show a slight falling off in the membership which however may be accounted for by the incomplete returns in the past.

The Grand Superintendents are privileged to preside in every chapter during their official visits unless either of the Grand Principals should be present.

A special committee was appointed to present a
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suitable testimonial to Comp. Joseph Mitchell on his retirement from the office of Grand Scribe Ezra after six year' service.

Comp. E. T. D. Chambers is a jewel. Notwithstanding the total destruction of his report on Correspondence by a fire at the printers, he immediately prepared another one. His courage under such trying circumstances is almost unique and reminds one of Carlyle; and his ability in this regard betokens a rare order of merit. Canada for 1892 receives special mention and we metaphorically doff our beaver for the following:

An admirable, though brief, Report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Comp. Henry Robertson, whose Masonic writings have proved in times past to be of the greatest service to us, especially when a very young Mason, and at the same time Master of a Lodge. We believe in rendering honor where honor is due, and are, moreover, induced to make the above acknowledgment at this time, in consequence of a remark as to the utility of his work, which we find in our good Brother's introduction to the report now under review. This introduction is so interesting a retrospect that we make room for it in its entirety.

1894.

Seventeenth Convocation, Montreal Jan. 30, 1894.

Albert D. Nelson, Grand Z.

As we noticed last year, they have been sorely afflicted by the death of two of their most prominent members, Comps. E. R. Johnson, Grand Z. elect and P. G. M. and J. Fred Walker, Grand J. and P. G. M.

In the address of Comp. Nelson, we find the following mention of international courtesy:

On Dec. 11th last, I had the pleasure of acceding to the request of M. E. Comp. Harding, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to allow permission to Carleton Chapter of Ottawa, to accept and confer the Royal Arch degrees on a Brother residing in the Western portion of this Province, and who was unable to come as far as Montreal to receive his degrees. Believing it to be in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, I had no hesitation in following the precedent already laid down by several of my predecessors in office.

The returns show a gratifying increase in the membership. They have 11 chapters and 443 members, gain 14.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the special thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to R. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, not only for the extra labor and trouble which he so cheerfully undertook in preparing a duplicate report of Correspondence for last year's proceedings, after the original had been destroyed by fire, but also for his valuable services as Chairman of that Committee during the past five years.

The committee on Work reported as under :

The Committee appointed by the Grand Z. to examine the new issue of the work, now formulated by the Grand Chapter of Canada, beg leave to report that having examined said work, they see no radical alterations that would prevent this Grand Chapter from procuring copies and issuing them to our chapter, and that the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to procure the number necessary, and make all needful arrangements regarding the same.

The introductory remarks of Comp. E. T. D. Chambers are well worthy of preservation :

It is gratifying to be able to again report that prosperity and peace abound throughout the realms of North American Capitular Masonry. Comp. Drummond's tables of statistics show a membership for 1893 of 184,430, as compared with 174,232 in 1892—a net increase of about 6 per cent.—and this despite a disproportionate increase in the number of deaths. These were 2,898 in 1893, as against 2,414 in 1892. Again we are constrained to remark that the increase might have been greater. Only one Affiliated Master Mason in four is a subscribing member of a chapter. This statement carries with it its own moral. Three Master Masons out of every four upon this North American Continent are not yet in possession of the genuine secrets of a Master Mason. Is it not meet that those who know should tell them where to obtain them? Are we—members of the Royal Craft—fully alive to a sense of our responsibilities and duties in this matter? Are we doing our whole duty by deserving, yet uninformed Brethren? Are we mindful of our obligation to the chapter itself? Shall we make no further effort than that now being made for the prosperity of Capitular Masonry and the extension of its sublime teachings?

One, whose festival is annually honored in all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, who employed “the first words of God's revealed Will to man,” in the commencement of one of his own undying books, the dear old dreamer who, upon the Isle of Patmos, was permitted to peer within the veil and to see things that are reserved for the enjoyment of those who shall have been admitted to the presence of the Grand and Ineffable Tribune Council of the Universe. he who had seen the true Light, and whose namesake was but the forerunner of that Light, even as the true Word is preceded by another—that loving and lovable teacher of Brotherly love has written for our learning: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

By ignorance and by error, man has oft times lost the Word, mistaken the Truth, been blinded from seeing the true Light. Masonry has been beautifully called "a search for Truth and the lost Word." Shall we lead the searchers to ask where it shall be given unto them, to seek where they shall find, to knock where it shall be opened unto them? Shall we teach them to knock for further Light in Masonry at the doors of our chapter, to seek within the vaulted chamber for the lost Word, to find in the presence of the Council that of which they are in search—the true Word that was "in the beginning," that was "with God," and that "was God?" Or shall we be content to leave them in possession of uncompleted teachings and of substituted words, when the genuine ones are within their reach?

Dear Companions, our's is the present. We know not what shall be on the morrow. The present has duties for us. Some have been imposed by the Author of our being. To others have we pledged ourselves "of our own free will and accord." The future is shrouded in mystery, but we shall pierce the veil as thousands have done before us.

Be it our's, Companions, then to hear
This mandate from the Great O'erseer;
"Your work is found both true and square,
Pass on."

We regret that we are likely to lose Comp. Chambers from the ranks of the reporters, but we are highly pleased to be able to congratulate him on his elevation to the highest office in the gift of his companions. A worthy honor worthily bestowed.

E. T. D. Chambers, (Quebec,) Grand Z.

Will. H. Whyte, (Montreal,) Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island.

Ninety-fifth Convocation, Providence, March 4. 1893.

George H. Kenyon, G. H. P.

They have ten chapters, all in good condition, and 2275 members, an increase of 108. Out of the 51 members in attendance, 16 were Grand Officers, 11 Past Grand Officers, 10 Past High Priests and 10 representatives of chapters.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized and the following report was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the relations of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, respectfully report that several meetings were held during the year, and they have given the subject due consideration; it being a matter of importance, it

was unanimously decided to make no recommendation at this time, and respectfully request its continuance to the next meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Horace K. Blanchard, (Providence,) G. H. P.

William R. Greene, (Providence,) G. S.

South Carolina.

Eighty-second Convocation, Charleston, February 14, 1893.

Comp. W. H. Witherow, G. H. P., has the following remarks on the ritual of the General Grand Chapter :

The new Ritual carries out the symbolism of the degrees more faithfully than our present one ; it contains a catechetical lecture for each degree, a feature which in itself should recommend it strongly to our favor. Finally, so far as I have been able to ascertain, it is more in harmony with the work of the majority of other jurisdictions. Already it has been adopted by several of the Grand Chapters, and it may pave the way to a uniformity of work throughout the United States.

1894.

Eighty-third Convocation, Charleston, February 13, 1894.

W. H. Witherow, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft he says :

In our own jurisdiction, so far as I have been able to learn, the utmost peace and harmony have prevailed. No grievances have been reported, and no questions of Masonic law have been submitted for decision. A few dispensations of the usual character have been granted, but none of sufficient importance to merit mention.

Storm-swept and devastated as portions of our State have been, and her business universally depressed by the financial crisis, our chapters have not all escaped the general stagnation, and some of them are in an unhealthy condition. Others, however, have not only held their own, but made marked advance.

A poposed amendment to the Constitution, reducing the minimum fee for the Capitular degrees from \$25 to \$20 was lost, but was again proposed.

The recognition of New South Wales was deferred.

They have 17 chapters and 632 members, loss 10.

The sum of \$100 was voted to the Grand Secretary to make a report on Correspondence next year.

J. T. Barron, (Columbia,) G. H. P.

J. E. Burke, (Charleston,) G. S.

South Dakota.

Fourth Convocation, Yankton, June 15, 1893.

Edward B. Bracy, G. H. P.

There is scarcely a chapter that does not report a phenomenal increase in work during the year. Two new chapters were formed. Comp. Bracy thus condemns unauthorized practices in the work:

Each of my immediate predecessors has rebuked in fitting terms the indulgence of some of our chapters in frivolty and even indignities unbecoming to the Masonic character. Yet I am credibly informed that these practices are not entirely stamped out. I always feel a pity—I had almost said a contempt—for the intellect, to say nothing of the heart of the man (I hesitate to say Mason) who has so little appreciation of the real situation upon the “rugged road” as to convert the beautiful and impressive legendary lecture of the Principal Sojourner into a farce, to the chagrin and discomfort of the initiate, thereby not only destroying the intended effect of the scene, but leaving in its stead a sense of injury. It has been wisely said that a brother should be exalted, not depressed, in his advancement to the Royal Arch. I think the matter worthy the attention of this Grand Body.

The Grand Chapter of Victoria was recognized.

It was decided not to adopt a new ritual at this session.

In order to avoid jurisdictional complications, it was resolved that a candidate may apply for the degrees to the chapter most accessible by rail from his residence.

The Grand Secretary and Comp. Louis C. Levoy presented a very good report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of 1892 receive due attention.

Robert T. Sedam, (St. Lawrence,) G. H. P.

George a Pettigrew, (Flandreau,) G. S.

Tennessee.

Sixty-fifth Convocation, Nashville, January 29, 1895.

John T. Williamson, G. H. P.

He reports four new chapters. Although it has been a year of almost unprecedented financial depression and shrinkage in values, the chapters have generally held their own and some have shown a good deal of prosperity.

New South Wales was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :

If objection is made to the advancement of a candidate after he shall have been elected to receive any or all of the degrees, the objection, whether made personally to the High Priest or by written communication to him, or if made verbally or in writing in open Chapter, shall have the same effect as an unfavorable ballot for the degrees.

Their Widows and Orphans' Home is almost completed, with only a small debt on it, and several widows and orphans are now receiving its practical benefits.

The feature of these Proceedings is the excellent report on Correspondence by Comp. George C. Connor. In his review of Canada for 1893 he mentions the fact that in the degree of M. E. M. that part relating to the sealing of the Ark and the placing of the Keystone is not known in their work.

In his concluding remarks he says :

The writer is convinced that the present system will be maintained in this Union of States for many years to come, even though it is not in operation in any other part of the world. It is true that Canada comes very near to us in its observances, but in so doing it abandons the English forms and copies, generally, the American.

We also confess that we see but feeble indications of any movement looking toward the expulsion of the so-called Past Master's Degree, and the confession is made in sorrow.

The origin of the Royal Arch is unknown, and there is no printed mention of the degree previous to 1740. Then, and for many, many years after, it was conferred by Lodges, though not by all, special authority being necessary to practice the degree. It was the completion, in the opinion of those who practiced it, of the Master Mason Degree—the advancement to the discovery of the true, once lost, M. W. Lodges which did not practice this Royal Arch Degree first gave in the Third the sub. for the M. W., and before the evening's labors were closed, imparted the true M. W.

At last this Royal Arch Degree was separated from the Lodges, carrying with it the true M. W., leaving to the Craft Third only the sub. It stands alone in England to-day, the Mark Degree being under a different government. The "Most Excellent" is unknown to the English system.

That prolific Ritual builder, Thomas Smith Webb, is responsible for the diffuse and expensive system so popular in this American Republic. Every thought, symbol and allegory practiced in the Chapter and the Council might be entrusted to the Craft Lodges, with the Royal Arch as the climax. This is now impossible, and we must make the most of the organizations as we have them.

Shortly after the meeting of the Grand Chapter, Comp. Connor departed this life. He was widely known and greatly esteemed as an able and erudite Mason.

J. H. McClister, (Morristown,) G. H. P.
W. A. Clendening, (Nashville,) G. S.

Texas.

Forty-fourth Convocation, Houston, Dec. 5, 1894.

S. J. Morriss, G. H. P.

His opening remarks are well worthy of our serious consideration :

Profane history sustains the claim that men in all ages of the world have believed that man was created very good ; that he fell from a very high estate, and voluntarily became very bad ; that there has existed deeply in his soul a conviction of a restoration to his once high estate, and that this restoration must come through a daysman or mediator ; that there is a God ; that man is immortal ; that man's supreme duty is to worship and obey God.

These fundamental or inherent truths, tradition as well as history informs us were taught in the olden times by men superiorly endowed in systems or schools which we know as the ancient mysteries. From such schools arose the relection of the poets, seers and prophets, whose lives were devoted to dissiminating, systematizing and emphasizing these truths; hence arose ceremonies and symbols, the true meaning of which was known only to the initiated. From this source has our beloved institution of Freemasonry come, bringing all along down through the dark ages of the past the truth, which it has in its peculiar way taught to its devotees, which has been delivered unimpaired to us, and which it becomes our pious duty to transmit to those who may follow us.

If Masonry then in this enlightened age of its existence has not developed into a religion, and yet a knowledge of the truth is necessary to a religious life, then we must indeed stand very near the entrance through which all must pass who sincerely seek to fulfil the whole duty of man as taught him in Divine revelation.

Basing our existence as an order upon that great inspired light found in every lodge and chapter in the world, and which every Mason must take as the rule and guide to his faith and practice, no institution not divinely founded can have a more exalted claim upon the respectful consideration of the wise and the good among men than this of ours.

To be good and true is our first duty, and "God's universal fatherhood, and man's common brotherhood" is nowhere insisted upon more successfully than in the lodges and chapters of Masons through the civilized world, and the sun shines on no land

where the language we speak together is not spoken and understood among our brethren.

Companions, do we appreciate our opportunities for benefiting our fellows? What a moral force from such teaching as our opportunities afford us can we be made to exert if we will combine our efforts and properly direct them? And certainly, since the sun first shone upon a savage world, this world has never stood more in need of civilizing than now. Our newspapers are chronicling daily, and sometimes the pages are filled with the details of crime of every conceivable species. Law and order are being made sport of by the combined and single-handed desperadoes who deal out death and destruction to their peaceable and unsuspecting victims, and who seem to gloat over the result of crimes that would put to shame the veriest brutes of creation. Companions, this army of wild and furious men must be met and controlled or every cherished hope of our future is gone. Who is to meet and control this unbridled host of demons? It is such men as forms our brotherhood. Our lodges and chapters membership are to be relied upon. For this purpose are we seemingly now so closely and thoroughly organized. The good and law abiding citizens of all our communities compose our membership. The churches and various religious organizations are not suited to this kind of work. There is too wide a difference between the standard church member and these miserable outcasts of society who compose this criminal class for the one to impress the other for good, so it is plain to us that the moral duty is assigned of bringing such a powerful influence for good to bear upon this bad class that crime will meet with quick and sure punishment, or the criminal will be made a good and useful citizen. Then companions, let us redouble our efforts to do good to our fellow men, and no harm at all. Let us frown down every effort to substitute a false philosophy that will make passion our motive power. Let us practice all the time as well as teach, prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice; and yet let us not become fanatics, for the fanatic is as much to be dreaded as the original evil.

On the condition of the chapters he says :

It affords me much pleasure to report a healthy, peaceful and harmonious year in our chapters. Extraneous circumstances have prevented our membership from increasing as it probably might otherwise have done. But we are prosperous. The wants of our poor are being looked after in all the localities, and human suffering is being relieved by our membership in many places in the true Masonic spirit.

Two new chapters were organized and seven others revived.

R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone was appointed as their Representative for Canada.

On the subject of the Past Master's degree, Comp. Morriss says :

From the best investigation I could make of the subject of the Past Master's degree, I am convinced that it is wrongfully given in our chapters. It has no historic connection with the other capitular degrees, and we so tell the candidate when we have, in my opinion, wrongfully conferred it upon him, unless it so be that he has at some time been elected Master of his lodge and not properly installed or regularly seated in the Oriental chair. The degree is of right a lodge degree, and should be under their control, or under the control of the Grand Lodges, and should not be conferred unless by authority of a lodge or Grand Lodge. In fact such is the case, only where the so-called General Grand Chapter exercises jurisdiction. At least, I so understand it, and am sure that in England and the Provinces, as well as in Pennsylvania in this country, this is the rule. Now my suggestion is for this Grand Chapter to adopt the Pennsylvania rule in reference to this degree.

A committee was appointed to present to Comp. Robert Brewster, on his retirement from office, a suitable testimonial for his service as Grand Secretary for more than a quarter of a century.

On the subject of renewing their connection with the General Grand Chapter, the following resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, At the last stated convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1891, a committee was appointed to visit the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose, as stated in the resolution adopted, to "seek by fraternal endeavor to induce the Grand Chapter of Texas to renew its relation to the General Grand Chapter," and

Whereas, Comps. Lemon and Speed, as the representatives of said General Grand Chapter, visited the Grand Chapter of Texas at its last annual convocation and presented in person the resolution so adopted; therefore, be it

Resolved : That a committee of five members of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas be appointed to visit the said General Grand Chapter at its next stated convocation to be held in the city of Topeka, Kansas, on July 18th, 1894, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms and under what conditions the General Grand Chapter will receive the Grand Chapter of Texas; *provided*, said Grand Chapter should decide to accept the invitation to unite itself with said General Grand Chapter; and that said committee make a full report back to this Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation.

Authority was given to the Grand High Priest to issue a dispensation to open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mexico, when he has become satisfied that the application conforms in every way with similar applications in Texas and that the applicants are in

accord with the Gran Dicta Symbolica of Mexico, which Grand Body is now recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. George Lopas, Jr. In his review of our proceedings for 1893 he has the following to say on our Australian Warrants :

We think the Grand High Priest was right in refusing dispensations for new chapters, and the Grand Chapter made a mistake in granting them warrants. The complications already existing between Canada and the new Grand Chapter of Victoria will only become the more intricate by this action; whereas if it had been deferred the unfortunate difficulty might have been the more easily adjusted. We think it vain for the committee to "express a hope that the better feelings of the companions of the other Grand Bodies there, (Australia) will, under the softening influences of our Order, bring about a more friendly state of affairs" when, at the same time they recommend actions that can only tend to "widen the breach." Nearly all the American jurisdictions have sided with Canada in her adherence to the "American doctrine" in the Victoria controversy, and we think rightly; but at the same time, we do not think she should 'want the earth.'

Frank Nusom, (Charco,) G. H. P.

George Lopas, Jr. (Houston,) G. S.

Vermont.

Seventy-sixth Convocation, Burlington, June 16th, 1893.

George W. Wing, G. H. P.

He reports an increase of interest in the work and in the attendance. At every opportunity he exhorted the companions to pay more attention to the social element of our institution :

We know too little of each others desires, hopes and aspirations; too little of each others necessities; the opportunity to assist, to save, to dispense charity, to whisper good counsel is often lost from want of knowledge that such opportunity exists. Come closer together, my brethren, and with mutual exchange of confidences let us learn to know each other better. * * *

An examination of the returns of our subordinate chapters shows that the year has been a prosperous one. Every chapter but one has reported, and only one or two have failed to exhibit a record of work done in the several degrees conferred in our chapters.

Work done, however, is not the only evidence of prosperity.

The returns show live men and Masons have been selected to fill the offices, and the companions are evidently learning to put no member in office because it is his turn, because he lives in a certain location, or because after having stayed away from the chapter room for a year, he comes around to the annual convocation and asks for it. It is convenient to accept the position of High Priest and have some companion do the work, but a chapter with a majority of *pro tem* officers will never be found a prosperous one, and will never be able to do "good work, true work and square work," or to properly fit and fashion work for the building of the temple.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests show that they have all been faithful in the discharge of their duties and that their labors have been of great advantage and benefit to the craft.

A special committee was appointed to co-operate with the other Grand Bodies in securing a suitable Masonic Temple for the Masons of Vermont.

They have 26 chapters and 2502 members, gain, 63.

The report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Marsh O. Perkins. Canada for 1892 receives due mention. He tells us that in Vermont a two-thirds vote is required to restore to membership a companion suspended either for non-payment of dues or unmasonic conduct.

Myron J. Horton, (Poultney,) G. H. P.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington,) G. S.

Virginia.

Eighty-sixth Convocation, Richmond, Oct. 10th 1893.

W. Lewis Jeffries, G. H. P.

Their Masonic Home continues to grow in favor with the fraternity and it now affords a striking lesson of the practical utility of of Masonry.

A testimonial was presented to Comp. W. B. Isaacs in token of approbation of his services for the past fifty years as Deputy Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary.

They have 37 chapters and 2310 members, gain, 325.

John T. Carter, (Danville,) G. H. P.

William B. Isaacs, (Richmond,) G. S.

Washington.

Ninth Convocation, Tacoma, June 16th, 1893.

William McMicken, G. H. P.

He visited every chapter except one and found them all in excellent condition. At the close of his remarks on his visitations he says :

So perfect is their work and so deep the Masonic interest entertained by all, that I found but little to criticize, and nothing to condemn. During my official visits I had the pleasure of witnessing every Capitular Degree conferred in the different chapters, and must confess my surprise and admiration at their proficiency and skill in the ritualistic work throughout this entire Jurisdiction.

The few questions which have been submitted to me for decision, also proves that thorough comprehension of Masonic law and usages, which is only gained by fervent industry and zealous application on the part of all those chosen by their Companions to preside over their chapters. But what is still more gratifying to me is the universal harmony and fraternal concord which prevails in every chapter. May this true corner stone of our Masonic edifice continue in its present state of tranquility is my earnest hope and prayer.

The comparative condition of the different chapters is, of course, largely due to local circumstances. This is more particularly noticeable in the increased membership of those in the larger cities.

While all have shown a healthy vitality and no evidence of decay, yet our increased membership has not been so great as it would have been, were it not for that general financial depression which at present pervades every department of commercial enterprise.

I am happy to be able to state, however, that of the seventeen chapters visited by me, none have complained of prospective financial embarrassment. My advice to all has been, not to allow their ambition in any event to lead them into debt. Every chapter visited has a good, ample and commodious hall, owned and controlled by Masonic Bodies. Some are even luxuriously furnished with all modern appliances, paraphernalia and furniture, only to be found in older and more wealthy Jurisdictions.

Comp. McMicken is sound on the question of titles. He recommends that the words "Most Excellent" be left out, not only in the title of the Grand Chapter, but also in the titles of the Grand Officers :

That the prefix of "Most Excellent" is a useless innovation, which only encumbers our correspondence and address, and smacks too strongly of that modern, disgusting practice of attempting to bestow titles where they do not belong, a practice

which I am sorry to say is growing all over our country, and more especially in the West, but which should never have crept into or be tolerated in any Masonic Body. Such titled adjectives more often bring ridicule than respect, whenever too profusely indulged in.

We regret to say that this recommendation was not concurred in by the Grand Chapter, the committee on Jurisprudence saying that it would be a departure from the time honored and ancient usages of Capitular Masonry. We think that the departure would have been in good taste and quite timely. There is nothing so particularly ancient about the Capitular degrees that we should venerate these nonsensical titles. They add nothing to the strength or solidity of the institution. They sound ridiculous to outsiders and even to ourselves until we get used to them, and we do not think that they serve any useful purpose whatever.

The time of the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter was changed to the second Wednesday in September and the annual dues were increased to \$1.50

They have 18 chapters and 1047 members, being an increase of 93.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1892.

John W. Bean, (Ellensburg,) G. H. P.

Yancey C. Blalack, (Walla Walla,) G. S.

West Virginia.

Twenty-third Convocation, Wheeling, November 13th, 1893.

John W. Morris, G. H. P.

Everything has worked along so smoothly that he had very little to do.

A disputed point in the ritual was settled by the agreement that lodges of Mark Master Masons are dedicated to Hiram the Builder.

They have 20 chapters and 1027 members, gain, 27.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Hugh W. Torrence and he gives Canada for 1893 due prominence. On the general question of the utility of these reports he says:

We have been amazed at the amount of information contained in the Foreign Correspondence and regard it as by far the best Masonic literature in existence.

John W. Morris, (Wheeling,) G. H. P.

Odel S. Long, (Charleston,) G. S.

Wisconsin.

Forty-fourth Convocation, Milwaukee, Feb. 20, 1894.

Calvert Spensley, G. H. P.

On the condition of the Craft he says :

The reports received from the subordinate chapters show that there has been a generous increase during the past year in the number of Royal Arch Masons in the State, more than we could reasonably have expected under the depressing influence of the financial condition which has prevailed.

This financial condition has undoubtedly caused a larger number of suspensions of Companions for non-payment of dues than usual.

The exaltations during the year have been 336, and with two exceptions the largest number in any year since the Grand Chapter was formed. The total membership in the State is now 5,221.

Our finances are in a healthy condition, the treasurer's report showing a handsome increase of assets over last year.

No reports of differences among our members have been brought to my attention, and I think peace, unanimity and concord have prevailed everywhere.

A new chapter was opened at Rice Lake.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp Melvin L. Youngs, visited 32 chapters. We make the following extracts from his valuable report:

All are aware that it is more difficult to maintain a steady and growing interest in our chapters than in any other branch of Masonry, and they, more than any other department of Masonry, are affected by the vicissitudes of business prosperity ; hence, in most chapters less work has been done in the past year than formerly, and it has required more effort to keep up even the usual interest and attendance. A few there are that scarcely feel those fluctuations that have been the experience of many, at least as relates to the amount of work done and members added ; but they are strong chapters and in localities where they have several equally strong Lodges from which to draw and select material.

Some that for a time have been comparatively dormant I found with improved prospects for the coming year, notwithstanding the hard times ; while others have but little prospects for an immediate betterment.

Some of these latter ones, though old in years, as chapters, have had continuous struggles for existence almost from their organizations though located in well settled portions of the State with several Lodges to depend upon. The faithful few still strive to maintain an existence, though oft times discouraged and almost ready to give up in despair.

Too much care cannot in my judgment be had in the location of new chapters, not merely for the purpose of avoiding such results, but for the future good of all interested.

In Capitular Masonry, more perhaps than in any other branch, there is a less number, even among the officers, who thoroughly memorize the ritual or properly understand its adaption to the work, although it is admitted by all that in beauty and symmetry of language, and in its consistence, each part with itself and with the traditions of the Order, it is excelled by none, and by so much is more easily acquired. The frequent change of officers, and the infrequency of the work done, will in some measure account for this and explain why, notwithstanding the helps furnished, that I find each year the same amount of work to be done and the same assistance required for the proper understanding and rendering of the ritual.

They have 66 chapters and 5251 members, gain, 161.

The sum of \$200 was voted for the relief of the family of an old and esteemed member of the Grand Chapter, who was lying at the point of death.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that each Past Grand High Priest in attendance upon annual convocations should wear the jewel with which he has been presented by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. William C Swain presented his eleventh annual report on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 recieves kindly mention.

In his review of Kentucky, Comp. Swain has the following on the power of a Grand Lodge to expel from the Craft:

The whole question turns upon whether a Grand Lodge can expel one of its members from *Masonry* for unmasonic conduct. We believe that it can, while Companion Staton evidently thinks differently. Of course, if the Brother is merely expelled from membership in the Grand Lodge, any of its other members can sit with him in a subordinate. But what an incongruity in thus fraternizing with one who had been declared by the highest authority to be guilty of unmasonic conduct. And if that is the only effect of Grand Lodge expulsion, Companion Staton's question is a very pertinent one, which in itself shows why it is necessary for such power to be vested in the Grand Lodge. Our Grand

Lodge has expelled members from Masonry and the expulsion has been recognized as depriving the party so disciplined of all his rights in the subordinate, without action on his part.

On the subject of objections to advancement he very pertinently remarks as under. The law mentioned is, that by a two-third vote, the objection may be overruled and the candidate advanced:

We do not know of any landmark which applies after the first degree has been conferred. We approve of the law. When a man has taken one degree, in the lodge or in the chapter, he is a brother, and has rights, and we have no right to make that one degree useless to him, by depriving him of advancement, without good cause. In our lodges in Wisconsin, an entered apprentice can be advanced by a three-fourth vote, in spite of an objection; and our chapter law is the same as that of Arizona to which the Companion objects.

We have for many years advocated the position that a member of a lodge or chapter has some rights which the lodge or chapter is bound to respect, and one of these is his right to receiving the remaining degrees unless good cause can be shown to the contrary. The unsupported objection of one member should not be allowed to prevent another's advancement. If the candidate is not worthy of advancement he is not worthy of membership, and charges should be preferred. In the absence of a definite charge, the candidate for advancement is presumably on the same level as the objecting brother, and he has the same rights and privileges of membership.

Comp. Swain is also with us in the argument that membership in a chapter is not necessarily dependent on the continuance of membership in a lodge. He asks "When and where has the lodge asked the chapter to legislate in its behalf? And is it not a little bit of impertinence for the pigmy to offer the giant its protection?" And in his review of Ohio, he says:

He explains that the "dependent membership" law of Ohio differs from that of Nebraska and California in that the latter make a non-affiliated Master Mason a suspended Royal Arch Mason, while the Ohio law merely makes him a non-affiliate in the chapter. Now will he give a good reason, as affiliation is the proper thing, as we all admit, for making a man a non-affiliate against his will, in the only body over which the Grand Chapter has control? Why, because he does not pay dues to a lodge, shall we refuse to accept dues from him in the chapter?

During our visit to Milwaukee last fall, we were the recipient of many kind courtesies at the hands of Comp. Swain, which will never be forgotten. We were also glad to make the acquaintance of Comps. Laflin and Youngs, the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, and particularly pleased to renew our friendship with R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn, who was an active member of our Grand Chapter away back in the sixties, and Grand Superintendent of the Huron District for several years. Comp. Kahn was very much interested in hearing about his old friends in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

T. S. Hayhurst, (Waterloo,) G. H. P.

John W. Laflin, (Milwaukee,) G. S.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

Alabama	1893	Montana	1893
Arizona	1893	Nebraska	1893
Arkansas	1893	Nevada	1893
California	1893	New Brunswick	1893
Colorado	1893	New Hampshire	1893
Connecticut	1893	New Jersey	1893
Delaware	1894	New York	1894
District of Columbia	1893	North Carolina	1893
Georgia	1893	North Dakota	1893
Illinois	1893	Ohio	1893
Indiana	1893	Oregon	1893
Indian Territory	1893	Pennsylvania	1892-93
Iowa	1893	Quebec	1893-94
Kansas	1893	Rhode Island	1893
Kentucky	1893	South Carolina	1893-94
Louisiana	1894	South Dakota	1894
Maine	1893	Tennessee	1893
Maryland	1893	Texas	1893
Massachusetts	1893	Vermont	1893
Michigan	1894	Virginia	1893
Minnesota	1893	Washington	1893
Mississippi	1893	West Virginia	1893
Missouri	1893-94	Wisconsin	1894

The Proceedings which have not been received are those of Florida for 1894, and Nova Scotia for 1893.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,

July 5th, 1894.

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